



Lakehead University
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

REQUEST REPORT

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1. New Degree	BA General College Pathways Program

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1.	New Degree	BA.GENE.TRF - BA General College Pathways Program
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Degree Details

BA.GENE.TRF - BA General College Pathways Program Start Term: Fall 2014 End Term: No Specified End Date

<i>Required Information</i>
Institution Unit Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Degree Type BA
Major
Minor
Specialization
Rationale <p>Rationale: College-University transfer programs are currently being promoted by the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities in order to expand the available pathways for students who otherwise would not be attracted to or eligible for university directly from high school. Our goal is to ensure that transfer students have sufficient background to be successful in upper level courses. Despite the variance among General Arts and Science college programs in terms of depth, they all involve enough breadth to provide an introductory base for a variety of disciplines, fulfilling Lakehead's maximum number of allowable first or zero level courses, which is seven. All college GAAS two-year programs also involve several courses at "advanced level" – equivalent to Lakehead's second or third year level courses, which investigate specific topics or sub-disciplines beyond introductory level. However, since some colleges do not offer more than two one-semester college courses at "advanced level," we would only be giving credit multilaterally for one FCE of such courses at this point, raising the total transfer credits to 8 FCEs. To assist student selection of such advanced level courses prior to college graduation, a list of courses from each college will be compiled, distributed to the colleges, and placed on our website by the spring of 2014. The remaining two FCEs for second year will be required as transition courses, to be taken at Lakehead prior to third year, with a specified average of 60% in each. Graduates from colleges that include more than the minimum advanced level or second year university courses as part of their college programs, may receive up to two</p>
Requirements <p>Graduates from any four-semester (2-year) General Arts and Science or Liberal Arts Diploma College program in Ontario, with a 70% cumulative average or higher, may be admitted to the General Bachelor of Arts (BA) College Transfer program, provided they have completed as part of their program at least two one-semester college courses of advanced academic content . (A list of approved advanced academic content courses will appear on our website. Applicants lacking sufficient advanced academic content courses will be required to take additional transition courses at Lakehead University (possibly online) accordingly.)</p> <p>Students in the General BA College Pathways Program must complete (with an average of 60% or higher) two FCEs (full course equivalents, equal to two semester courses each) of second year transition courses selected from the social sciences and humanities (Groups I and II in the Faculty of Social Sciences and</p>

[Humanities, First Year Arts Program Grouping Requirements](#)) at Lakehead (normally during the spring/summer -- many spring/summer courses at Lakehead are available online) prior to starting the final year of the program. Applicants who have taken more than the minimum advanced level or second year university courses as part of their college programs may be eligible to receive up to two FCEs of advanced status toward the transition requirement. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to either the University or a specific program. A faculty advisor will be available to assist students with course selection.

Transition Courses

2 FCEs of courses at second year level from Group I or II (see [Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, First Year Arts Program Grouping Requirements](#))

Year One

a) Two FCEs electives at third or four year level from Group I or II (see [Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, First Year Arts Program Grouping Requirements](#))

b) Two FCEs electives at second, third, or fourth year level from Group I or II (see [Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, First Year Arts Program Grouping Requirements](#)).

c) One FCE elective at second, third, or fourth year level from any faculty.

Budgetary Considerations

Student Enrolment

The addition of college transfer students will increase enrolment in upper level classes. Since many upper level classes tend to be undersubscribed compared to first year courses, the additional enrolment will be welcome. We do not anticipate large flocks of college transfers, since only students who have achieved 70% or higher in college would be eligible, eliminating the vast majority of college graduates who require only 60% to complete the General Arts and Science diploma. Still, since most high school students choosing to attend college are lacking some of the entrance requirements for university or would normally not even consider university, we are expanding our recruitment base by giving these students an opportunity to complete a university degree after they graduate from college.

Student Enrolment Other Units

No.

Additional Resources

No.

Teaching Loads

No.

Teaching Support Services

No.

Outside Support

No.