

**Kansas State University Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee**  
**K-State Core**  
**General Education Proposal**  
**Approved by FS Academic Affairs on November 22, 2022**  
**Approved by Faculty Senate on January 24, 2023**

**Context:**

In June 2022 KBOR made changes to the general education requirements for all Regents universities. All Regents universities must adjust their general education curriculum by Fall 2024 to be in compliance with the policy. FSAAC discussed strategies to align K-State's General Education requirements with the new KBOR policy. Members of the FSAAC solicited input from their caucuses on a series of questions related to the design of the new general education curriculum. Members of FSAAC then reported relevant information back to the FSAAC. The Co-Chairs, Drs. Andrew Bennett and Brandon Kliwer, took this detailed information and created a proposal, in consultation with the rest of FSAAC which was then approved by FS Academic Affairs along with the full Faculty Senate.

The Academic Affairs committee provided this proposal to Faculty Senate on January 24, 2023, and it was approved. Amendments to the K-State Core proposal were submitted in writing 15 days before the meeting. These were reviewed, however, no amendment to the K-State Core was approved.

**K-State Core**  
**General Information**

**Resources:**

KBOR [June 15-16, 2022](#) Meeting: [Proposed General Education Policies](#)

Passed with a Fall 2024 Effective Term for full Implementation

KBOR Systemwide Transfer (SWT) Courses:

[https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/transfer-articulation](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/transfer-articulation)

To modify the [K-State Core disciplines and courses](#), please see the Approval, Routing, and Notification document.

**Proposed K-State Core; Proposed Retirement of K-State 8**  
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**Overview of Decisions:**

1. **Retire the K-State 8:** On October 4, 2022 the FSAAC indicated that compliance with the KBOR Gen Ed would override the K-State 8 program. The results from the caucus input were shared on October 18, and it was unanimously reported that we should retire K-State 8.
2. **No university-wide requirements for a B.S. vs. B.A.:** While individual colleges may wish to add requirements to distinguish a B.S. from a B.A., there is not consensus for a university-wide set of requirements.
3. **All General Education courses in buckets 1-6 are at the 100- and 200-levels:** KBOR designates general education-level courses as those numbered in the 100- and 200-levels. To maintain consistency across the system, making sure that our offerings are at the same level as those that students are transferring into K-State, we will use 100- and 200-level courses in our general education core. **This does not apply to systemwide transfer courses which are acceptable no matter what level they transfer to K-State.**
4. **College of Agriculture Courses:** Kansas State University's College of Agriculture is unique in the KBOR system. Therefore, the KBOR framework did not include agriculture in any of the disciplinary areas, but in consultation with the college dean's offices, we included classes that fit in the appropriate buckets.
5. **Bucket 7:** It was the decision of the body to leave Bucket 7 as elective credit hours.
6. **"Double Dipping":** Students will have the ability to count one course that fits into two disciplinary buckets for buckets 4-7. Students still need to take a total of 34-35 credit hours total of coursework in the general education framework.
7. **Performance Courses:** It was voted to affirm that Kansas State University will accept performance courses in Bucket #6.

**Proposed revision to University Handbook, Section F120**  
**Undergraduate Degree Requirements**  
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**From**

**F120** College and program requirements can be found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#). The K-State 8 general requirements can be found on the [K-State 8 website](#).

**To**

**F120** College and program requirements can be found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#). The K-State Core requirements follow the [KBOR General Education Framework](#) passed by the board on June 15, 2022.

Beginning in the Fall 2024 semester, The K-State Core serves as the general education program at Kansas State University and follows the KBOR framework with courses at the 100- and 200-level, and all Systemwide Transfer Courses. The six credit hours of “Institutionally Designated Area” will be comprised of elective credit hours. Courses that fulfill the K-State Core requirement are listed in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

**Proposed Addition to the Approval, Routing, and Notification procedures  
for Modifying the K-State Core  
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- The Provost will form a Kansas State University General Education Council, comprised of Associate Deans for Academics at each undergraduate-serving college or campus, or their designee. Proposals to change the list of approved disciplines or courses should be submitted to the General Education Council. Note that 100- and 200-level courses in disciplines specified by the KBOR Framework and courses approved for systemwide transfer may **not** be removed from the list of approved courses.
  
- A General Education Committee Disciplinary Advisory Board will be formed for each of the general education areas. The General Education Council will make initial staggered appointments for three faculty members for each of the disciplinary areas, two of whom will be from the disciplines approved on the K-State Core for those requirements. Faculty will serve three years. After the initial appointments, Kansas State University General Education Council will appoint the Disciplinary Advisory Board members following the composition of two faculty from the disciplines approved on the K-State Core and one additional faculty.
  
- The General Education Council will forward courses or disciplines proposed for inclusion to the appropriate Advisory Board for that area. After receiving the Advisory Board report, the Council should decide whether to recommend the course or discipline for inclusion or not. Courses or disciplines recommended for inclusion will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs and will then be handled in the usual process.
  - Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee (the proposal must be presented a minimum of 10 calendar days prior to the committee meeting)
  - Faculty Senate Executive Committee
  - Faculty Senate