# HB 2998 Workgroup Update on Foundational Curricula

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#### House Bill 2998 Statement

- "Requires community colleges and public universities to establish foundational curriculum or foundational curricula for first year of coursework at public post-secondary institutions of education and establishes requirements for foundational curricula."
- Full house bill online here
- HECC's HB 2998 <u>Information page</u>

### HB 2998 Workgroup 1

- Reviewed statewide transfer agreements at Alabama, Indiana, Colorado, and Arizona. (See this <u>document</u> for further details.)
- Reviewed data for transfer, lost credits, and more
- Two subgroups: Foundational Curriculum Subgroup and Policy Subgroup

### Foundational Curriculum Subgroup

- Where we started: AAOT/ OTM/ University "Crosswalk"
- What we ended up with: Essentially a "mini" AAOT.
  - 30 credits that (as a block) will transfer across the state and count towards General Education requirements
  - Outcomes-based, using the AAOT outcomes
  - The USTAs will build on this foundation
  - Two tracks: STEM majors and General Majors
- These are still being finalized; what follows is a draft. The subjects have been voted on, but the wording in each category may still be edited.

Subject	Foundational Courses for STEM majors	Foundational Courses for General majors
Writing	1 course (3-4 credits) WR121	1 course (3-4 credits) WR121
Cultural Literacy	1 course (3-4 credits)	1 course (3-4 credits)
	See list of AA/OT outcome courses.	See list of AA/OT outcome courses.
Arts & Letters	2 courses (6-8 credits)	2 courses (6-8 credits)
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Social Science	2 courses (6-8 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses.	2 courses (6-8 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. Many non-STEM majors require specific s sciences courses see the USTA for your intended major.
Natural Sciences	2 courses with labs (8-10 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses.  Many STEM majors typically require specific majors-level (200+) courses – see the USTA for your intended major.	2 courses with labs (8-10 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. Non-majors level (100) recommended.
Math	1 course (4-5 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. Many STEM majors typically require specific mathematics (200+) courses – see the USTA for your intended major.	1 course (4-5 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses MTH 105 or any other MTH course for which MTH 95 and/or MTH 98 is a prerequisite.
Total	9 courses (30 credit minimum)	9 courses (30 credit minimum)

## **Upcoming USTAs**

- Unified Statewide Transfer Agreements (USTAs)
- Scheduled to have 3 per year, until every major course of study is complete
- Prioritized by various criteria (number of students transferring, projected job opportunities, excess credits, etc.)
- First 4 USTAs:
  - Biology
  - Business
  - Education
  - English

#### **General Timeline**

- February 2018: Foundational Curricula and report ready to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly
- March 2018: First 3 USTAs determined (4 were chosen)
  - Legislation states that these should be developed at a rate of 3 transfer agreements per year
    - December 2018: USTA 1
    - April 2019: USTA 2
    - December 2019: USTA 3

