

ENROLLMENT REGULATIONS AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL BACKGROUNDS

ENROLLMENT REGULATIONS. Students with international backgrounds are subject to various enrollment regulations. In many cases, these students MUST BE ENROLLED FULL TIME (12 or more credit hours per semester). If students drop below 12 hours, they are putting themselves in a VERY serious situation (for example, they could lose their visa status). Please see John Tankersley (865-539-7007) or an international student advisor before dropping any classes.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS for students with international backgrounds are different. These exceptions override what is written on articulation agreements and degree audits. International student advisors and the graduation office are aware of these exceptions making it critical that you meet with your assigned advisor each semester. Pellissippi State requirements parallel those for The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK). Specific differences in requirements for students with international backgrounds are listed below along with UTK catalog references. NOTE: Students who are planning to transfer to an institution other than UTK may be subject to different rules & requirements. Students should check with the school in which they intend to transfer to verify their policies and requirements.

Foreign Language Requirement

Students with international backgrounds whose first language is not English meet the intermediate foreign language requirement by choosing two sophomore literature courses for their humanities requirement (since English is considered their foreign language). Students must still complete six hours of transferable electives to make up for the loss of foreign language hours.

- ❑ Page 81 of the 2005-2006 UTK catalog under foreign language: “Students whose native language is not English may satisfy the requirement with any two courses from List A: Literature under the Humanities Distribution Requirement.”

Students still have the option of completing the foreign language sequence (if they prefer) as long as the sequence is not in their native language.

History Requirement

Students with international backgrounds who did not graduate from a United States high school must complete U.S. History I and II (HIST 2010-2020) for their history requirement.

- ❑ Page 40 of the 2005-2006 UTK catalog under American History: “Effective July 1, 1978 and afterwards, all students receiving a bachelor’s degree must have completed one unit of American history on the high school level or six semester hours of collegiate American history as required by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 493253).”

If you have any questions regarding these policies, please see your assigned international student advisor.

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