

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS  
SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS**

**VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) will meet virtually via Zoom. An in-person option will be available at the Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, Kansas, 66612.

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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>  | Mickey McCloud, Co-Chair |
| A. Roll Call and Introductions   |                          |
| B. Approve Minutes from April 17, 2024                                 | p.3                      |
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| <b>II. Systemwide Updates</b>  |                          |
| A. Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Report                     | Jane Holwerda            |
| B. Systemwide General Education  | Jenn Bonds-Raacke        |
| C. Math Pathways   | Jenn Bonds-Raacke        |
| D. Credit by Exam Policy-Cambridge International reminder              | Karla Wiscombe           |
| E. Systemwide Elementary Ed Transfer Associate Degrees                 | Karla Wiscombe           |
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| <b>III. Next SCOCAO Meeting – June 18<sup>th</sup> Virtual Meeting</b> |                          |
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| <b>IV. Adjournment</b>   |                          |

Date Reminders:

- July 1<sup>st</sup> Performance Reports (including Degree Maps) due

## SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO), established in 2002, is composed of the six chief academic officers of the state universities, four chief academic officers selected by the nineteen community colleges, one chief academic officer selected by the six technical colleges, and the chief academic officer of Washburn University. The Board’s Vice-President for Academic Affairs serves as an ex officio member. The Committee meets in person on the morning of the first day of the monthly Board meeting. Membership includes:

Mickey McCloud, Co-Chair	JCCC
Debbie Mercer, Interim, Co-Chair	K-State
Barbara Bichelmeyer	KU
Brent Thomas	ESU
Howard Smith	PSU
Jane Holwerda	Dodge City CC
Jill Arensdorf	FHSU
John Fritch	Washburn
Luke Dowell	Seward CCC
Shirley Lefever	WSU
Brandon Galm	Cloud County CC
Scott Lucas	WSU Tech
Rusty Monhollon	KBOR

### System Council of Chief Academic Officers AY 2024 Meeting Schedule

<i><b>SCOCAO Academic Year 2023- 2024 Meeting Dates</b></i>		
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Location (virtual or in-person)</b>	<b>Institutional Materials Due</b>
September 20, 2023	Virtual	August 30, 2023
November 15, 2023	Emporia State University	October 25, 2023
December 13, 2023	Virtual	November 22, 2023
January 17, 2024	Virtual	December 27, 2023
February 14, 2024	Virtual	January 24, 2024
March 20, 2024	Virtual	February 28, 2024
April 17, 2024	Fort Hays State University	March 27, 2024
May 15, 2024	Virtual	April 24, 2024
June 18, 2024	Virtual	May 29, 2024

SCOCAO meets at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

The April 17, 2024, System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) meeting was called to order by Mickey McCloud at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in person at Fort Hays State University, with a Zoom option available.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Mickey McCloud, JCCC	Debbie Mercer, K-State	Barbra Bichelmeyer, KU
	Brent Thomas, ESU	Howard Smith, PSU	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	John Fritch, Washburn	Luke Dowell, Seward CCC
	Shirley Lefever, WSU	Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC	Scott Lucas, WSU Tech
	Rusty Monhollon, KBOR		

**Approval of Minutes**

Luke Dowell moved to approve the March 20, 2024, meeting minutes. Howard Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Systemwide Updates**

- Karla Wiscombe provided the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Report. Karla shared the six courses TAAC is researching for the 2024 KCOG. The tentative courses are Calculus II, Differential Equations, Organic Chemistry I, Organic Chemistry II, Introduction to Programming, and Object-Oriented Programming (Programming II).
- Rusty Monhollon introduced new staff member Dr. Jennifer Bonds-Raacke from the Academic Affairs team to the Council. Rusty provided an update on the Math Pathways and Course Placement criteria. Rusty shared that Keith Dreiling, Chair of Mathematics at FHSU, and Whitney Turner, Associate Professor of Math at JCCC, will co-chair the Math Pathways Task Force moving forward.
- Sam Christy-Dangermond provided an overview of the AY 2024 Performance Report Rubric Draft, which is set to be presented in BAASC for approval. Mickey McCloud requested that emails be removed from the rubric for the group members sections. This change will be presented when approval from BAASC is requested. Mickey McCloud also requested that the deadline for the Degree Maps be extended to September. That request was previously brought to BAASC and was denied due to other deadlines and factors being affected if approved.

**Other Matters**

- Mickey McCloud provided an overview of changes to the [Off-Campus Delivery of Academic Courses and Programs policy](#) that are pending review by the KBOR legal team.

**Adjournment**

The next SCOCAO meeting will be held virtually May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting; Debbie Mercer seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

**Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree**

**3/8/24**

The systemwide transfer degree provides a pathway from any Kansas public community college offering the degree to any Kansas public university for individuals desiring to become licensed as a PK-6 elementary teacher. The pathway identifies courses/credit hours to be taken at the community college level and reflects the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) General Education framework “buckets” ([https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/general-education/seven-bucket-framework](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education/seven-bucket-framework)) and recommended education coursework.

These courses/credit hours transfer to any KBOR university as the first sixty hours toward a 120-hour PK-6 Elementary Education program degree. The remaining sixty hours at KBOR universities are the required courses to complete the PK-6 Elementary Education degree.

**KBOR General Education Program (34-35 Credit Hours)**

<b>Bucket #1</b>	<b>English Discipline Area+</b>	<b>Credit Hours: 6</b>
English Composition 1	ENG1010	3
English Composition 2	ENG1020	3
<b>Bucket #2</b>	<b>Communications Discipline Area+</b>	<b>Credit Hours: 3</b>
Fundamentals of Oral Communications	COM1010	
	<b>OR</b>	3
Interpersonal Communications	COM1020	
<b>Bucket #3</b>	<b>Mathematics &amp; Statistics Discipline Area+</b>	<b>Credit Hours: 3</b>
Contemporary/Essential Math	MAT1040	3
<b>Bucket #4</b>	<b>Natural &amp; Physical Sciences Discipline Area+</b>	<b>Credit Hours: 4-5 from One Subject (must include a lab)</b>
Life Science	Any life science within Bucket #4	4 -5
<b>Bucket #5*</b>	<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area+</b>	<b>Credit Hours: 6 at least two courses from two subject areas</b>
Bucket 5 options to come from two of the following areas: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology*, Sociology		6
<b>Bucket #6</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Humanities Discipline Area+</b>	<b>Credit Hours: 6 at least two courses from two subject areas</b>
United States History to 1877 OR United States History Since 1877	HIS1010 OR HIS1020	3
Fine Art: Open Elective from Art, Music, Theatre, or Literature	Any ART, MUSIC, THEATRE, or LITERATURE within the Bucket	3
<b>Bucket #7</b>	<b>Elementary Designated Area+</b>	<b>Credit Hours: 6</b>
Choose two courses from below	As part of the Systemwide (PK-6) Elementary Universal Transfer Pathway, this is a deviation from Bucket #7 Institutionally Designated Plan. <b>The course cannot have been used in another bucket.</b>	
American Government	POL1020	3

Cultural Diversity and Ethnicity	SOC2030	3
One Free Elective	One Free Elective from El. Ed. Buckets # 1-6	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	34-35

### Teacher Education Program (25 - 26 Credit Hours)

Recommended Courses	Systemwide Transfer Designator+	Credit Hours
Introduction to Education	EDU1010	3
Children's Literature	EDU2010	3
Human Life Span/Developmental Psychology	PSY2020	3
Creative Expressions	<b><u>Choose one that has not been used to fulfill general education requirements:</u></b>  ART2020 Art in the Elem. Classroom MUS2010 Music in the Elem. Classroom HSC2020 Elementary School PE & Health	2- 3
Physical Science/Physics Course	Any physical science/physics course within Bucket 4, lab NOT required (recommended)	3-5
Educating Exceptional Students	EDU2020	3
Technology for Teachers	EDU2030	3
Free Elective in Education	<i>Free Elective from any Education Course that has not been used to meet other requirements PREFERENCE FOR AN EDUCATION COURSE or early childhood course BUT NOT LIMITED</i>	2-3
Open Elective** – to complete Associate degree	Open Elective within the System Wide Transfer List to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours for transfer	0 – 4**
	TOTAL	26
	GRAND TOTAL (GE and EDUCATION)	60-61

References for Systemwide transfer identification:

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

\*Advising Note: Review local community college requirements for PSY2020 HUMAN LIFE SPAN/DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY to determine if PSY1010 INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY is a prerequisite. If it is, take PSY1010 INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY in Bucket 5.

\*\*Depending on the courses taken and credit hours awarded, the student may need additional coursework to reach the minimum 60 credit hours for transfer.

## **Program Exception for Elementary Education Degrees**

In the case of GE in elementary education programs, both state licensure and programmatic accreditation requirements specify that GE courses in specific discipline areas must be completed to adequately prepare students to teach a wide array of subjects. Because of the rigid programmatic accreditation and licensure requirements associated with elementary education, a full blanket GE exception for elementary education programs is granted. Thus, it will not be necessary for a university or college to submit a request to continue requiring – and not waive – a specific requirement in the GE area of the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree.

### **What Does this Mean for Advising?**

When serving a community college student who intends to transfer to a state university or Washburn University and major in elementary education, the student will need to adhere to the GE section detailed within the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree.

Please note that taking any course that falls outside the scope of the GE section prescribed in the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree will likely result in loss of credit and increase time to degree for community college students. Thus, please ensure that advisors understand that the GE requirements specified in the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree serve as the GE path for community college students who wish to transfer and complete an elementary education degree at a state university or Washburn University.

### **What does this mean for GE requirements for transfer students who wish to major in elementary education at one of the state universities or Washburn University?**

- If a student completed the Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program
  - The 34-35-hour GE section of the degree would be considered completed at the receiving institution.
  - In total, when the student has completed the Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree, at least 60 credit hours will transfer and apply toward the completion of specific requirements in the baccalaureate degree in elementary education.
- If a student completed the GE section of the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program BUT did not complete the full Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program
  - The 34-35-hour GE section of the degree would be considered completed at the receiving institution.
- If a student did not complete the Systemwide GE section of the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree program BUT completed the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree arts and humanities bucket (US History to 1877 OR US History Since 1877 AND 3 hours from: Art Appreciation, Art History I, Art History II, Music Appreciation, Theatre Appreciation, Intro to Literature, American Literature I, or American Literature II).
  - The arts and humanities bucket would be completed.