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**SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**POLICY**

**LIBERAL ARTS CORE / MINNESOTA TRANSFER CURRICULUM / RURAL STUDIES, AND ASSOCIATED GRADUATION CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS DISTRIBUTION**

- I. A minimum of 44 semester credit hours is required to fulfill the Liberal Arts Core / Minnesota Transfer Curriculum / Rural Studies requirement for graduation.

The Liberal Arts Core / Minnesota Transfer Curriculum / Rural Studies requirements for entering students seeking a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree are as follows:

1. Liberal Arts Core Curriculum

A. Communication Skills	9 credits
B. Mathematics	3 credits
C. Social Science	12 credits
D. Humanities & Fine Arts	12 credits
E. Science	8 credits

2. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum

A. Critical Thinking	0 to 3 credits
B. Human Diversity	0 to 3 credits
C. Global Perspectives	0 to 3 credits
D. Civic and Ethical Responsibility	0 to 3 credits
E. People and the Environment	0 to 3 credits

3. Rural Studies

A. Rural Studies	0 to 3 credits
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The following statements apply to transfer students or students working under the Honors Program for the Liberal Arts Core / Minnesota Transfer Curriculum / Rural Studies requirement.

1. Students who have an AA degree, satisfied the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, or who have a BA or BS degree when they transfer to SMSU, are recognized as having fulfilled the SMSU Liberal Arts Core / Minnesota Transfer Curriculum / Rural Studies requirements.

2. Students who do not have a BA, BS, or AA degree when they transfer to SMSU must fulfill the current SMSU Liberal Arts Core / Minnesota Transfer Curriculum / Rural Studies requirements.
3. Each SMSU Honors Program student must include Rural Studies as part of the individualized proposal approved by the Honors Review Board.

II. A minimum of 3 semester credit hours is required of all students to fulfill the Associated Graduation Curriculum Requirements.

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| A. Regional Studies      | 0 to 3 credits    |
| B. Health and Wellness   | 3 credits         |
| C. Major Capstone Course | 0, 1 to 3 credits |

NOTE: With careful planning a student and his/her advisor will be able to satisfy all requirements listed as 0 to 3 credits by “double counting” from courses in other required categories. See the current Academic Catalog for details.