

## State Minimum General Education Core Curriculum

The following table is based on Appendix C, Section 1, of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education's [Criteria and Procedures for Establishing Programs](#). Although the [Arkansas Course Transfer System](#) now determines the specific courses in the categories outlined below, the basic structure of the "35-hour minimum core" has been deemed still useful and remains part of the policy and guidelines promulgated by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Category	SCH	Explanatory Notes
English/Communication English Composition Speech Communication	6 0–3	
Mathematics	3	A comprehensive mathematics course such as College Algebra, Statistics, Quantitative Literacy/Mathematical Reasoning, or any higher-level mathematics course.  Institutions may require students majoring in mathematics, engineering, science, and business to take a higher-level mathematics course as part of the state minimum core.
Science	8	Science courses must include laboratories.  Institutions may require students majoring in mathematics, engineering, science, education, and health professions to take higher-level or specific science courses.
Fine Arts/Humanities	6–9	Must be broad survey courses.  Institutions may require students majoring in engineering to take either 6 hours of humanities and social sciences at the junior/senior level or substitute an additional 6 hours of higher-level mathematics and/or additional science courses.
Social Sciences US History or Government Other Social Science	3 6–9	Institutions may require students majoring in engineering to take either 6 hours of humanities and social sciences at the junior/senior level or substitute an additional 6 hours of higher-level mathematics and/or additional science courses.