General Education Guidelines for Transfer Students – Fall 2015 & Beyond

The Master’s College (TMC) faculty has authorized a number of revisions to the institution’s undergraduate General Education (GE) requirements. The GE requirements (taken by all students) are designed to provide the foundation for a liberal arts education. While substantially reducing the total number of GE units, TMC’s revised GE features a biblically-based curriculum that is rich in content, efficient in units, and consistent in student experience.

Beginning Fall 2015, all incoming TMC students will be under the new GE curriculum. All prospective transfer students are strongly encouraged to contact the TMC Admissions Office (1-800-568-6248) as early as possible for personalized assistance in planning out an ideal degree plan.

In combination with TMC’s current GE requirements list (2014-2015 Academic Catalog, pp. 23-24) and published articulation agreements (www.masters.edu/articulation), the following guidelines are presented to help future transfer students make informed course and credit-by-examination choices in preparation to attend TMC.

**Biblical Studies** – Transfer students should consider getting a head start on the TMC Biblical Studies requirements (21 units total) via TMC Online. All students, including transfer students, must complete all 21 units of GE Biblical Studies courses prior to graduation (either online or in residence).

**Economics and Society** – No substantial changes (3 units).

**Spoken Communication** – Incoming Business majors should not take a Spoken Communication equivalent course prior to enrolling at TMC. These students will take Business Communication at TMC in fulfillment of this requirement (3 units).

**Cross Cultural Studies** – Beginning in Fall 2015, the TMC Cross Cultural Studies GE requirement (6 units) will be removed. Nevertheless, courses listed on articulation agreements for Cross Cultural Studies credit will typically still transfer to TMC as elective units.

**English Composition** – No substantial changes (3 units).

**American/English Literature** – No substantial changes (3 units).
Transferrable courses include most English, American, or World Literature surveys.

**English Elective** – No substantial changes (3 units).
Transferrable courses generally include Intro to Literature or other English electives.

**Intro to Music and Art** – No substantial changes (3 units).
Note: Music and Biblical Studies majors may select alternate courses at TMC to fulfill this GE requirement.

**Mathematics** – No substantial changes (3 units). Note: Liberal Studies (Teacher Education), Business, Computer & Information Sciences, and Kinesiology/Pre-Physical Therapy majors are either exempt from this GE requirement or required to take an alternate substitution course at TMC. Incoming Mathematics majors consult the Math department about possible transfer credit for major-specific math requirements.

**World History and U.S. History** – No substantial changes (6 units World History & 3 units U.S. History).

**U.S. Government** – This requirement will now be eliminated for international students (usually on an F-1 visa).

**Sciences** – Transfer students should not take a science lecture (e.g. Biology, Physics, Chemistry, etc…) prior to enrolling at TMC. The new GE Essentials of Biology course (3 units) is unique and nontransferable, although the 1 unit lab requirement is transferrable. Incoming Biology and Kinesiology/Pre-Physical Therapy majors should consult their respective academic departments about possible transfer credit for major-specific science requirements.

**Philosophy** – No substantial changes (3 units).