

Volunteer Core questions: petitions, transfer coursework, and catalog changes

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If a current student changes from an earlier catalog to the 2022-23 catalog, will petitions that were approved for any older General Education categories that also exist in Volunteer Core carry over to Volunteer Core?

Yes.

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 received BIOL LD transfer credit for a class taken at another institution. A petition allowing this BIOL LD class to satisfy the General Education Natural Sciences (NS) requirement was approved in Fall 2021. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the petition is still valid and the class continues to satisfy the Volunteer Core NS requirement.

If a current student already submitted a General Education petition for LD or UD transfer coursework, and the petition was approved, can the student submit a new petition to change the category associated with the transfer coursework?

Yes. On the new petition, the student should explain that they intend to change the category associated with the transfer coursework, using language similar to [this](#).

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 received HIST LD transfer credit for a class taken at another institution. A petition allowing this HIST LD class to satisfy the General Education Cultures & Civilizations requirement was approved in Fall 2021. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the student may submit a petition requesting that the class satisfy (for example) the Volunteer Core Global Citizenship International requirement.

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 received CHEM UD transfer credit for a class taken at another institution. A petition allowing this CHEM UD class to satisfy the General Education Oral Communications (OC) requirement was approved in Fall 2021. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the petition is still valid and the class continues to satisfy the Volunteer Core OC requirement. If the student would prefer to use the class to satisfy the Volunteer Core Applied Oral Communications (AOC) requirement, they can submit a new petition. If the new petition is approved, they will lose OC credit for the course, because under Volunteer Core, no course can be used to satisfy both OC and AOC requirements.

If a current student already submitted a General Education petition for LD or UD transfer coursework, and the petition was approved, can the student submit a new petition requesting that an additional Volunteer Core category be associated with the transfer coursework?

Yes. On the new petition, the student should explain that they intend to add a second Volunteer Core category associated with the transfer coursework, using language similar to [this](#). Remember that according to the “double-counting rule” for Volunteer Core, no course can

be used to satisfy two Expanded Perspectives requirements at the same time, and no course can be used to satisfy both the Oral Communication requirement and the Applied Oral Communication requirement.

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 received ENGL UD transfer credit for a class taken at another institution. A petition allowing this ENGL UD class to satisfy the General Education Written Communication (WC) requirement was approved in Fall 2021. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the petition is still valid and the class continues to satisfy the Volunteer Core WC requirement. The student may submit a new petition requesting that the class also satisfy (for example) the Volunteer Core Global Citizenship International requirement. If the new petition is approved, the class will satisfy both Volunteer Core requirements.

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 received SOCI UD transfer credit for a class taken at another institution. A petition allowing this SOCI UD class to satisfy the General Education Oral Communication (OC) requirement was approved in Fall 2021. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the petition is still valid and the class continues to satisfy the Volunteer Core OC requirement. The student may submit a new petition requesting that the class also satisfy (for example) the Volunteer Core Social Sciences requirement. If the new petition is approved, the class will satisfy both Volunteer Core requirements.

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 received PHIL LD transfer credit for a class taken at another institution. A petition allowing this PHIL LD class to satisfy the General Education Arts & Humanities (AH) requirement was approved in Fall 2021. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the petition is still valid and the class continues to satisfy the Volunteer Core AH requirement. If the student submits a new petition requesting that the class also satisfy another Expanded Perspectives requirement, such as Global Citizenship US, the petition will be denied because it violates the double-counting rule.

Can classes taken at UTK prior to August 2022 be used to satisfy Volunteer Core requirements in the 2022-23 catalog?

Yes.

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 completed INMT 242 in Spring 2022. In the 2022-23 catalog, INMT 242 satisfies the Volunteer Core Engaged Inquiries (EI) requirement. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the course will now satisfy the Volunteer Core EI requirement. The student's advisor may need to work with the College encoder to ensure that the course is properly encoded for Volunteer Core.

Example: A student entering UTK in Fall 2021 completed HIEU 241 in Fall 2021. In the 2022-23 catalog, HIEU 241 satisfies the Volunteer Core Global Citizenship International (GCI) requirement. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the course will now satisfy the Volunteer Core GCI requirement. The student's advisor may need to work with the College encoder to ensure that the course is properly encoded for Volunteer Core.

Can a transfer course that was transferred to UTK prior to August 2022 as a direct equivalent to a UTK course that satisfies Volunteer Core requirements be used to satisfy Volunteer Core requirements in the 2022-23 catalog?

Yes.

Example: A student enrolled at Pellissippi State in 2020-21 and completed INFS 1010 there. The student transferred to UTK in Fall 2021. According to the date ranges in the [course equivalency tables](#), during academic year 2020-21, INFS 1010 at Pellissippi State was a direct equivalent to INMT 242 at UTK; as a consequence, the Pellissippi State course appears on the student's UTK academic history as equivalent to INMT 242. In the 2022-23 catalog, INMT 242 satisfies the Volunteer Core Engaged Inquiries (EI) requirement. If the student changes to the 2022-23 catalog, the transferred INMT 242 course will now satisfy the Volunteer Core EI requirement. The student's advisor may need to work with the College encoder to ensure that the course is properly encoded for Volunteer Core.