

General Studies Associate of Arts

The General Studies Program is designed for students who want maximum flexibility in their choice of courses. The program provides a core foundation in the humanities, mathematics, computer science, science, and social sciences. Beyond meeting general education state requirements, the program offers students the opportunity to design, in cooperation with an academic advisor, a series of courses for exploring career opportunities, achieving personal goals, and meeting transfer requirements.

	<i>General Education (28 credits)</i>	<i>General Education Code</i>	<i>Credits</i>
CIS 101 or CSC 104	Introduction to Computer Concepts or Computer Science Fundamentals	I	3
EGL 101	College Composition	E	3
EGL 102	Composition and Literature	H	3
HUM 101 or PHI 101 or PHI 110 or PHI 201	Introduction to Critical Inquiry or Introduction to Philosophy or Introduction to Ethics or Ethics – Contemporary Moral Issues	H	3
MAT	Math Elective	M	3
SCI	Science Electives [One with Lab] ¹	S/SL	7
SOC SCI	Social Science Electives ²	SS	6
	<i>Program Requirements (32 credits)</i>		
ART/HUM	Arts and Humanities Electives ³	H	6
HEA	Health Elective		3
HST	History Elective	H	3
SPH 121 or SPH 141	Interpersonal Communications or Public Speaking	H	3
ELECT	Electives		17
Total Credits Required in Program: 60			

¹Courses must have two different designations from any of the following: AST, BIO, CHM, ENV, PSC, or PHY.

At least one of the courses must include a lab.

²Courses must be from two different disciplines.

³One course must have an ARTS designation; the other course must be from a humanities discipline other than ARTS.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Apply critical thinking skills to explain theoretical and concrete issues, evaluate evidence, recognize and incorporate divergent perspectives, explore the assumptions of self and others, propose problem-solving strategies, and support a position using evidence.
- Analyze the aesthetic, historical and cultural values of artistic works across genres and disciplines.
- Identify cultural norms and biases, and how they shape experience.
- Develop, organize and present ideas orally and in writing.
- Select and ethically use current and emerging technologies effectively to acquire, organize, analyze, produce and share information.
- Construct objective investigations using the scientific method.
- Apply mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning to solve problems.