

GENERAL STUDIES

Award: Associate of Arts Degree

No. of credits required: 62-63

Contact: For more information, contact *Advising, Career, and Transfer Services, 443-412-2301.*

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The General Studies program permits students to pursue a structured program that allows them to achieve a balance between depth of knowledge acquired through specialization in a twelve-credit concentration in a single field of knowledge and breadth of knowledge gained through exploration of various disciplines.

The degree program allows students to tailor their studies for specific requirements for selected transfer institutions. In addition, the degree program provides students an opportunity to prepare for a profession or a career.

The degree program consists of three major components:

- Twelve (12) Credit Discipline:** 12 credits must be taken in a single discipline. A discipline is indicated in the Catalog by the prefix to the course number, e.g., PSY or ENG.
- General Education Core Requirements:** 33-35 credits must be taken in courses in written and oral communication, mathematics, science, history, humanities, and health and physical education.
- General Electives:** 15-17 credits of general electives must be taken to complete the requirements and further explore areas of academic and personal interest.

REQUIRED COURSES:

Number	Title	Credits
CMST 101	Speech Fundamentals (GI)	3
ENG 101	English Composition (GE)**	3
ENG 102	English Composition and Literature	
or		
ENG 109	English Composition: Research Writing	3
Arts/Humanities Electives (GH)		6
(must be courses from two different disciplines)		
<i>See General Education Course Listings.</i>		
Behavioral/Social Science Electives (B/SS) (GB)		6
(must be courses from two different disciplines)		
<i>See General Education Course Listings.</i>		
Diversity Elective (D)+		3
Health Elective		3
History Elective (GB)		3
Mathematics Elective (GM)		3-4
<i>See General Education Course Listings.</i>		
Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL)		4
<i>See General Education Course Listings.</i>		
Biological/Physical Science Elective (GS) (GL)		3-4
<i>See General Education Course Listings.</i>		
General Education Elective		3-4
(GB) (GH) (GI) (GL) (GM) (GS)		
General Electives *		15-17
Physical Education Elective **		1
Physical Education Fitness Elective **		1

Minimum number of credits required **62-63**

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE (for 2 year completion):

First Semester	Credits	Second Semester	Credits
ENG 101**	3	ENG 102 or ENG 109	3
CMST 101	3	Health Elective	3
B/SS Elective (GB)	3	History Elective (GB)	3
Math Elective (GM)	3-4	Gen Ed Elective (GB) (GH)	
General Elective*	3	(GI) (GL) (GM) (GS)	3-4
Total 15-16		General Elective*	3
		Total 15-16	

Third Semester	Credits	Fourth Semester	Credits
Bio/Phys Lab Sci Elect (GL)	4	Bio/Phys Sci	
Diversity Elective+ (D)	3	Elective (GS) (GL)	3-4
A/H Elective (GH)	3	B/SS Elective (GB)	3
General Elective*	3-4	A/H Elective (GH)	3
PE Fitness Elective**	1	General Elective*	6-7
Total 14-15		PE Elective**	1
		Total 16-18	

Note: HD 103: Career and Life Planning is a suggested General Elective for undecided students who are using General Studies to explore different majors.

* As advised for transfer or goals.

** English 101 and physical education electives will not count toward the 12-credit concentration.

+ Diversity course must be selected from the approved College listing. (See page 19.)

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

- Students should meet with an advisor during their first semester to outline a program, which will meet their goals.
- Students cannot graduate with a General Studies Undecided major. Students need to declare General Studies or another major by the time they have accumulated 24 credits.
- To change a major, students need to fill out a Change in Academic Intent form.
- At the completion of 28 credits, any student who wishes to develop a concentration of study that differs from the 12-credit discipline format should consult with an academic advisor. Students must fill out an *Exception to Discipline Concentration Form* through the Academic Advising Office.
- Any request for an exception to the 12-credit discipline must be made prior to the semester in which the student plans to graduate.

Note: The following codes identify courses which satisfy the General Education Degree Requirements:

(GB)	Behavioral/Social Science*
(GE)	English Composition
(GH)	Arts/Humanities*
(GI)	Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues
(GL)	Biological/Physical Laboratory Science
(GM)	Mathematics
(GS)	Biological/Physical Science

*For AS, AA, and AAT degrees, Behavioral/Social Science and Arts/Humanities electives must be selected from two different disciplines.