

Associate of General Studies (2026-2027)

The Associate Degree of General Studies (AGS) is a degree option for a variety of students. While the Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees better prepare students for transfer to university study, the AGS aligns with the Bachelor's in General Studies (BGS) degree offered by most universities. Students who do not plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree and are not interested in obtaining an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree may choose the AGS option. The AGS degree may be appropriate for students who wish to explore various career options before narrowing their area of study.

English Discipline Area (3 hours)

a. ENG176 English Composition I (3)

Communications Discipline Area (3 hours)

a. COM106 Interpersonal Communication (3), COM131 Speech Communications (3), or COM276 Public Speaking (3)

Mathematics (3 hours)

a. MTH126 Technical Math (3) or higher

Students planning to pursue a bachelor's degree should take MTH178 College Algebra or higher.

Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)

a. One (1) course of three (3) credit hours must be taken from the following disciplines: Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Social Sciences, Economics

Arts & Humanities (3 hours)

a. One (1) course of three (3) credit hours must be taken from the following disciplines: Art, History, Music, Humanities, Drama, Philosophy, Literature, BUS218 Business Ethics. Performance and studio courses are excluded.

Natural & Physical Sciences (4-5 hours)

a. One (1) science course (4-5 hrs) with a lab must be taken from the following disciplines: BIO, CHM, PHS, PSC

AGS Institutionally Designated (minimum of 5 hours)

a. A total of five (5) credit hours must be taken from the following list of courses:

AGR185 Computers in Agriculture (3)	HPR101 Concepts of Physical Health (2)
BIO101 Basic Nutrition (3)	HPR161 Nutrition (3)
BUS162 Introduction to Word Processing (1)	HPR176 Lifestyle Management (2)
BUS176 Personal Finance (3)	HPR177 Personal and Community Health (3)
BUS235 Microcomputer Office App I (3)	HPR231 First Aid & Safety (3)
COM106 Interpersonal Communications (3)	

Total Required General Education Courses = 24-25 credit hours

College Level Electives = 39-40

Total Required Credit Hours = 64 hours

Please refer to "Requirements for Graduation" detailed elsewhere in the college catalog. A student must meet all requirements listed in that section in addition to those listed above to be eligible for graduation. Students transferring to a university should check transfer requirements.

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