

Associate of General Studies

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 (5 hours)

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

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

Total Required General Education Courses = 24-25 credit hours

Courses from Area of Concentration (excluding General Education requirements) = 18 credit hours

Electives = 21-22 credit hours

Total Required Credit Hours = 64 hours

Note: no more than 8 total credit hours in performance courses and/or activity related courses may be applied to the Associate of General Studies Degree. Placement measures may apply to English and math courses. Students may need corequisite support course work prior to enrollment in these classes. These corequisite courses do not count towards required degree hours. Students transferring to a university should check transfer requirements. 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.

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Areas of Concentration

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(Minimum of 18 Credit Hours)

Specific courses in each concentration are recommended but not required unless otherwise noted. No more than 8 credit hours of performance courses may be used for this degree's specific Area of Concentration requirements and/or electives.

AGRICULTURE/AGRI-BUSINESS CONCENTRATION

Any ACC class	Any Science class
Any AGR class	Any CSC class
Any BUS class	

BUSINESS AND/OR ACCOUNTING CONCENTRATION

Any ACC classes	Any BUS class
Any CSC class	

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

ACC177 Accounting I	BUS233 Business Law
BUS150 Advertising	BUS234 Marketing
BUS178 Introduction to Business	BUS237 Business Management

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

HPR133 Introduction to Physical Education	Any Science class
HOC100 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	HOC classes
EDU139 Children's Health & Movement	HPR classes (except Varsity Athletics)
HPR176 Lifestyle Management	SOC classes
HPR177 Personal & Community Health	PSY classes
HPR292 Care & Prevention of Sports Injuries	

HUMANITIES CONCENTRATION

ART classes	LIT classes
DRM classes	MLN classes
HST classes	MUS classes
HUM classes	PHL classes

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CORRECTIONS

PHL276 Introduction to Ethics	POS classes
SOC177 Juvenile Delinquency	PSY classes
SOC182 Sociology of Families	MLN classes
SOC233 Social Problems	SSC161 Intro to Law Enforcement
Other SOC classes	SSC212 Intro to Corrections

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

AGR131 Plant Science	CHM classes
AGR132 Animal Science	MTH classes
AGR136 Soils	PSC classes
BIO classes	PHS classes

SOCIAL SCIENCES CONCENTRATION

BUS276 Macroeconomics	HST classes
BUS277 Microeconomics	MLN classes
HST176 American History to 1865	PHL classes
HST177 American History to Present	POS classes
PSY176 General Psychology	PSY classes
SSC176 World Regional Geography	SOC classes
SOC176 Introduction to Sociology	SSC classes
SSC235 Introduction to Social Work	

SPORTS SCIENCES CONCENTRATION

ACC111 Introduction to Accounting or ACC177 Accounting I	
BUS177/SOC178 Human Relations	BUS244 Human Resource Mng
BUS178 Introduction to Business	HPR except Varsity Athletics
HPR122 Recreational Leadership	HPR125 Psychology of Sport
HPR130 Intro to Sports Administration	Other BUS classes

TECHNICAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION

AGR Classes (Applied Ag Techniques is excluded)	
AMC classes	BUS178 Introduction to Business
EPT classes	INT Classes
WLD classes	Any science class
BUS176 Personal Finance	BUS177/SOC178 Human Relations
Other technical classes approved by advisor	

WILDLIFE OUTFITTING & OPERATIONS CONCENTRATION

AGR136 Soils	WOO280 Waterfowl Management Tech.
AGR142 Ag in Our Society	WOO281 Upland Game & Turkey Mng Tech
AGR241 Range Management	WOO282 Deer Hunting Mng Tech.
WOO270 Wildlife Business Basics	WOO283 Freshwater Fishing Mng Tech
WOO271 Hunter Ed Instructor Training	BIO123 Environmental Science
WOO272 Firearms Handling	BUS176 Personal Finance
WOO273 Bow Hunting Equipment	HPR112 Shooting Sports
WOO274 Habitat & Food Plot Installation	ACC classes
WOO275 Wildlife & Outdoor Media Prod.	AGR classes
WOO276 Guiding in the Outdoors	BIO classes
WOO277 Game Brooding	WLD classes

Customized Concentration designed for particular student needs will be considered upon application. Addition/Deletion or adjustments to Concentrations will be approved by Instructional Council.

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