

General Studies/Transfer Studies, AA

Academic Year 2026-2027

Program Description:

An Associate of Arts degree in General Studies/Transfer Studies can establish the foundation for a lifetime of continual learning and serve as the framework for a productive professional and personal life. This degree is ideal for the student who is planning to earn a baccalaureate degree at a four-year institution. Students will work closely with their advisor to choose courses that meet the needs of their chosen career path and goals.

The AA degree gives emphasis to practical skills in communication and computation which may lead to employment; however, the goal is to provide the student with a broad background in communication, fine arts, humanities, social sciences, science and mathematics that will prepare the student to enter a baccalaureate program at the junior level. The AA degree may be obtained in person, online or a combination of both.

Career Outlook:

Many businesses and industries seek well-rounded employees whose maturity level along with communication, computation, and decision-making skills are a step above those of traditional high school graduates. The Associate in Arts Degree provides graduates with enhanced knowledge and work skills without requiring the larger commitment of time or money necessary for a bachelor's degree.

Program Outcomes:

- Compose coherent, unified written documents that demonstrate correct mechanics and style, as well as appropriate documentation of sources
- Communicate verbal and nonverbal messages appropriate to the audience and situation
- Use appropriate evidence and sound reasoning to make judgement
- Demonstrate an understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices
- Apply mathematical reasoning to solve quantitative problems

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General Studies/Transfer Studies – Major Code CG10

Name:	ID Number 942-
Educational Counselor:	
Faculty Advisor:	

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
	General Education Component						
COL 101	New Student Seminar*		1				
COM 112	Oral Communication*		3				
COM 125	Interpersonal Communication*		3				
ENL 101/ENL101E	Written Communication ^{1,*}		3-4				
ENL 102	Written Communication II ^{2,*}		3				
HMN 235	Leadership Studies through the Humanities*(Capstone) ^{3,9}		3				
MAT 120/120E	Applied Professional Mathematics ^{4,*}		3-5				
PSYC 200	General Psychology*(CT)		3				
SOCI 210	Fundamentals of Sociology*		3				
			25-28				
	Humanities (Choose a minimum of 6 hours from the following)						
ART 101	Introduction to Visual Arts*		3				
ENL 201	Introduction to Literature ^{5,*}	S	3				
ENL 245	Elements of the Short Story ⁵	F	3				
RELS 130	World Religions*	S	3				
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	Natural Science (Choose a minimum of 4 hours from the following)						
BIOL 101/101L	General Biology with Laboratory ⁶		4				
BIOL 210/210L	Microbiology with Laboratory		4				
BIOL 105	Human Biology		3				
BIOL 120	Principles of Biology I		4				
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy		4				
BIOL 265	Human Physiology		4				
SCI 110	Introductory Physics ⁷		4				
CHEM 205	Chemistry for Health Care Professions		4				
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	Social Science (Choose a minimum of 12 hours from the following)						
EC 102	Basic Economics*		3				
EC 201	Fundamentals of Microeconomics*		3				
EC 202	Fundamentals of Macroeconomics*		3				
GEO 150	Introduction to Geography	F	3				
GEO 217	World Regional Geography	S	3				
HIST 103	U.S. History to 1877*	F	3				
HIST 104	U.S. History since 1877*	S	3				
HIST 114	World History until 1500*	F	3				
HIST 115	World History since 1500*	S	3				
HIST 240	West Virginia History	F	3				
POLS 101	Introduction to American Government	F	3				
POLS 202	American State and Local Government		3				

PSYC 225	Abnormal Psychology	F	3			
PSYC 229	Elementary Behavioral Statistics ¹²	S	3			
			12			
	Other					
COM 130	Mass Communication and Culture	F	3			
COM 230	Principles of Public Relations	S	3			
ENL 131	Business & Technical Writing ^{1,*}		3			
IT 101	Fundamentals of Computers*		3			
MAT 130 or 130E	College Algebra ¹⁰		3-5			
MAT 132	Pre-Calculus ¹³	F	4			
MAT 229	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I ¹¹	S	5			
SPAN 101	Spanish I	F	3			
SPAN 102	Spanish II ⁸	S	3			
The remaining hours, to reach a minimum of 60 credits, for this degree may be selected from any of the courses listed on this sheet.						
HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 60 hours minimum						

Students are advised to consult the college catalog of the institution to which they plan to transfer to determine appropriate elective courses for their intended major.

¹ ENL 101 and ENL 131 have a prerequisite of ACT 18, SAT 480+, or ACCUPLACER 250-300 or placed in ENL 101E or ENL 131E. Students must have a “C” or better in ENL 101 to graduate.

² ENL 102 has a prerequisite of ENL 101.

³ HMN 235 has a prerequisite of ENL 101 with a “C” or better

⁴ MAT 120 has a prerequisite of an ACT score of 19, SAT score of 510, or Accuplacer of 250.

⁵ ENL 201 and ENL 245 have a prerequisite of ENL 102.

⁶ BIOL 101 and BIOL 101L are co-requisites.

⁷ SCI 110 has a prerequisite of MAT 120(E), MAT 130(E), MAT 132, MAT 135, MAT 144, MAT 205, MAT 229 or permission.

⁸ SPAN 102 has a prerequisite of SPAN 101.

⁹ HMN 235 should be taken during the final Semester (Capstone)

¹⁰ MAT 130 has a prerequisite of a minimum ACT Math score of 21, SAT 530, Accuplacer 250, MAT 144 or permission.

¹¹ MAT 229 has a prerequisite of a minimum ACT Math score of 27 or MAT 132.

¹² PSYC 229 has a prerequisite of MAT 120, MAT 120E, or permission.

¹³ MAT 132 has a prerequisite of a minimum ASCT score of 21 or MAT 130 or MAT 130E, or permission.

* Courses offered online
(CT) Critical Thinking