

ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES (AGS D595)

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The Associate in General Studies (AGS) degree is designed for students who wish to explore their individual interests within an academic structure. Acceptance of credit for the AGS degree is at the discretion of the receiving institution. Requirements for the Associate in General Studies degree are:

General Education	20 Credit Hours
Area of concentration	12 Credit Hours
Electives.....	32 Credit Hours
Total.....	64 Credit Hours

I. General Education

The following courses or equivalents are required as a General Education component.

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
Written Communication	6
Select from:	
ENG 1101 Introduction to Composition	
ENG 1111 Composition I	
ENG 1121 Composition & Analysis	
ENG 1201 Communications	
ENG 1212 Technical Writing	
Oral Communication	3
Select from:	
SPE 1101 Fundamentals of Effective Speaking	
SPE 1111 Interpersonal Communications	
Any general Life or Physical Science or	
Mathematics course	5
Any general Humanities course*	3
Any general Social Science course*	3
Total General Education Hours	20

*Either the humanities or social science course must be a human diversity course selected from applicable IECC or IAI human diversity courses.

II. Area of Concentration

A minimum of twelve (12) semester hours must be successfully completed in one (1) of seven (7) areas of concentration listed. Courses which are not college level, including, but not limited to community education, developmental education, adult basic education, and adult secondary education may not be used to satisfy the Area of Concentration requirements. Only course numbers with a 1 or 2 in the first position and a 1, 2, or 6 in the second position are eligible for the Area of Concentration requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education requirements may not be counted toward Area of Concentration requirements.

- ❖ **Communications Skills:** English, composition, communications, journalism, and speech.
- ❖ **Mathematics:** College algebra, trigonometry, calculus, statistics, liberal arts, and technical mathematics.

- ❖ **Science:** Life or physical science courses such as biology, microbiology, botany, zoology, anatomy, chemistry, and physics.
- ❖ **Humanities:** Advanced speech, literature, art, music, philosophy, drama, French, German, Spanish, etc.
- ❖ **Social Science:** Anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology.
- ❖ **General Business:** Management, marketing, accounting, advertising, bookkeeping, and general business.
- ❖ **Technical Skills:** Coursework may be selected from any one (1) technical certificate or degree program. Eligible courses are listed in the Career and Technical Education information section.

III. Elective Coursework

Thirty-two (32) semester hours of the Associate in General Studies degree may be elective coursework.

Courses eligible as electives are those courses which have a 1 or 2 in the first position and a 1, 2, or 6 in the second position. Courses which are not college level, including community education, developmental education, and adult secondary education, are not eligible. Courses taken to satisfy General Education and Area of Concentration requirements may not be used to satisfy Elective Coursework. **College Orientation and Pathways to Success are highly recommended.**

CERTIFICATE IN GENERAL STUDIES (GENST C596)

The Certificate in General Studies is designed for those students who are unsure about a career, major, or program of study. This certificate serves as exploratory coursework, as well as a ladder into degree programs, which could be either a career and technical education degree geared toward employment or a transfer degree. **This certificate is not financial aid eligible.**

I. General Education

<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
Written Communication	3
(See General Studies Degree for options)	
Oral Communications	3
(See General Studies Degree for options)	
Any general Humanities or Fine Arts course.....	3
Any general Social Science course	3
Total General Education Hours	12

II. Area of Concentration Courses

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Career and Technical Education; Communication Skills; Mathematics; Science; Humanities; Social Science; General Business; Allied Health

III. Elective Coursework

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All CTE (1.2) and all transfer (1.1) courses can be used.

Total Credit Hours	29
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