

GENERAL STUDIES, Associate in Applied Science Degree - 7606

Communication, Humanities & the Arts Department

CIP Code: 24.0102

The General Studies AAS curriculum is designed for students who want to enter the workforce with a two-year degree. Students interested in interdisciplinary study, specially designed programs of study not available in regular programs, or who are undecided on their career plans, often enroll in the General Studies curriculum. The program provides a degree of flexibility that is not available in other programs, but requires a more careful planning process to ensure that career needs are met.

Students must select courses in the Humanities and Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, Natural and Physical Sciences, Computer Literacy, and Wellness, in addition to the College's requirement in written and oral communication. Students are able to select over 30-credits of coursework tailored to their needs and interests. Program electives may be selected from any College course number 100 or above. No "0" level courses are accepted for graduation.

Those who enroll in the General Studies curriculum should select their courses in consultation with a counselor to ensure that courses meet their career goals. Students who wish to graduate in this curriculum are encouraged to enter the curriculum as soon as possible and no later than prior to the scheduling of the last fifteen credits of study at the college.

This program may be completed at the Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses through on-campus/in-person instruction. Students may also complete this program at the Gettysburg Campus through various modalities (e.g., on-campus/in-person instruction, hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and/or asynchronous instruction). Students may attend full-time or part-time during the day or in the evening.

Career or Transfer Opportunities

Graduates have acquired both the foundational knowledge and skills found within six major areas of general education (Communication; Quantitative, Information and Technology Literacy; Cultural Awareness; and Critical Thinking) as well as in the coursework selected to meet their individual career or transfer requirements.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Appropriately and correctly use numerical data appropriate to the task
- Create and express ideas in speaking and writing in a clear, organized manner appropriate for the intended audience
- Problem solve, create and evaluate through the following general education goals: information literacy, technology literacy, cultural awareness, communication and quantitative literacy
- Effectively use and apply technology appropriate to the task
- Access, evaluate and cite sources to meet information needs
- Investigate issues related to global interdependence and reflect upon their impact as global citizens

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 60)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	CIS 105 Introduction to Software for Business or higher**	3	
COMM 101 Effective Speaking (or)	3	MATH 100 or higher	3	
COMM 203 Interpersonal Communication	(3)	Open Electives (All 100-299)		<u>37</u>
Humanities & Arts Core Elective*	3			43
Mathematics or Science Core Elective	3			
Social & Behavioral Sciences Core Elective	3			
First-Year-Seminar Elective	1			
Wellness Elective	<u>1</u>			
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*Students are to select from the following courses: ART 181, 182; ENGL 206; FMTH 101; HUM 101, 115 or 201; MUS 104; PHIL 200; or a foreign language course.

**Students are to see their advisor for course selection options.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
COMM 101 or 203	3	Humanities/Arts Core Elective*	3	CIS 105 or higher**	3	Open Electives	13
ENGL 101	3	Math/Science Core Elective	3	MATH 100 or higher	3	Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3
FYS Elective	1	Open Electives	9	Open Electives	9		
Open Electives	6						
Wellness Elective	1						