

General Studies

Associate in Arts and Sciences



The General Studies curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students ready for higher education, but have not settled on specific career paths. It is an opportunity to meet the general education requirements of the first two years of most baccalaureate programs in four-year colleges and universities.

General Studies is the most flexible transfer program offering a broad range of classes to choose from while still meeting the requirements toward an associate degree. Students are given numerous options in the fields of laboratory science, social sciences, and humanities.

However, students are urged to select a four-year college or university early in their planning and to prepare their community college program carefully in accordance with the requirements for entry into the junior year at the college for which they will transfer. It is suggested that students enrolling in this degree program work closely with the CVCC Counseling Center throughout their two years at the College as the general education requirements of four-year schools change annually.

Upon satisfactory completion of the four-semester program, the graduate will be awarded the Associate in Arts and Sciences degree with a major in General Studies.

In addition to the admission requirements established for the College, entry into the General Studies program requires the satisfactory completion of high school units or the equivalent to

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include four years of English, three years of mathematics (Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry), 1 year of laboratory science, and 1 year of social science. Students with deficiencies will be required to take appropriate developmental or college preparatory courses.

General Studies — Degree Requirements

		First Year	
Course No.	Course Title	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.
ENG 111-112	College Composition I-II	3	3
HIS 101-102	History of Western Civilization I-II ¹	3	3
MTH	Mathematics ²	3	3
	Science with Laboratory ³	4	4
SDV 100	Orientation	1	-
One of the following computer courses:		-	3
BUS 226	Computer Business Applications		
ITE 115	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts		
Total		14	16
		Second Year	
Course No.	Course Title	1st Sem.	2nd Sem.
	Electives ⁴	6	3
ENG 241, 242	Survey of American Literature I, II ⁵	3	3
HLT/PED	Health or Physical Education ⁶	1	1
	Social Science Elective ⁷	3	3
	Humanities Elective ⁷	3	3
One of the following speech courses:		-	3
SPD 100	Public Speaking		
SPD 110	Introduction to Speech Communication		
Total		16	16
Minimum credits required to graduate			62

¹ A two-semester sequence of HIS is recommended. HIS 111, 112; HIS 121,122, or HIS 141, 142 may be substituted.

² It is recommended that students enroll in two MTH courses numbered 151 or higher. Students are urged to check the mathematics requirements of the four-year institution to which they plan to transfer to determine the proper mathematics courses and/or sequences to be taken at CVCC.

³ A two-semester sequence of laboratory science is recommended; however, depending on the requirement of the four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted.

⁴ Students are encouraged to see a counselor or advisor to select approved transfer courses that will satisfy requirements at four-year institutions.

⁵ A two-semester sequence of ENG 241, 242; ENG 243, 244 or ENG 251, 252 is recommended for transfer to most four-year institutions.

⁶ Students are encouraged to see a counselor or advisor to select transferable health courses that will satisfy requirements at four-year institutions. Veterans with honorable discharge will be awarded HLT/PED credit based on military service.

⁷ For a list of approved courses, see Humanities Electives or Social Sciences Electives cards.