

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE - GENERAL STUDIES



From accounting to education and social work to sports medicine, this general studies program is ideal for students who would like to explore a variety of academic options before entering the workforce or transferring to a four-year institution.

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Degree: Associate in Science

HEGIS Code: 5649

Curriculum Code: 0250

Campus Location: City, North, South, Distance

Liberal Arts Division

Pre-Admission Recommendations: HS or HSE (High School Equivalency) Diploma

Career Opportunities/Further Education: Transfer to bachelor's degree program

The Liberal Arts General Studies curriculum has a dual purpose. The courses provide students subject matter enabling them to transfer to a four-year college or university by providing comprehensive general education, but the curriculum is also designed to provide students a chance to explore other academic programs through open college electives.

Students interested in a flexible exploratory course of study and the option of a self-structured curriculum may pursue Liberal Arts-General Studies. This program offers the student a course of study leading to an Associate in Science degree and an opportunity to experience courses in other curricula.

Program Description

The General Studies curriculum is designed to provide the student with a flexible, exploratory course of study and the option of self-structured curricula without a prior commitment to either specific academic or vocational goals. It is offered day and evening on all campuses, as well as online as a distance learning program. Students may attend on a part-time or full-time basis.

This program serves the needs of students interested in transferring to four-year institutions by ensuring SUNY General Education requirements are fulfilled. The program is also ideal for the student who has an inquisitive mind and

wishes to explore a variety of academic options. Graduates may find numerous entry-level positions available in banking, sales, real estate and health and human services.

An applicant for General Studies should contact a college admissions counselor. After notification of acceptance and receipt of placement test scores, the applicant is required to contact the General Studies department for course advisement.

Students matriculated in the General Studies program must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours in SUNY General

Education courses. SUNY requires that students earning an AA or AS degree complete core courses in seven (7) of the ten (10) knowledge areas. The 30 core credits required in the General Studies degree must meet this requirement. A minimum of 60 degree credit hours are required to graduate. After SUNY General Education requirements are met, courses may be taken in any college degree course for which the General Studies student qualifies for registration under guidelines established by college academic units or departments. It is recommended that students take College Success Skills, GS 111 in their first semester.

SUNY General Education Student Learning Outcomes

The SUNY General Education knowledge and skills areas and the two competencies now function as the basis for the Liberal Arts degree program outcomes. These General Education requirements are detailed in the academic information section of the college catalog.

Program Competencies

Upon graduation with a Liberal Arts and Science-General Studies (AA) degree, the graduate will be able to:

- Demonstrate an ability to research a topic and provide supportive details
- Demonstrate basic literacy in educational technologies
- Articulate ideas about diversity and the role diversity plays in our current culture
- Conduct independent career research

SUNY Transfer Path Requirement

Students matriculating in this program are required to fulfill the SUNY Transfer Path Requirement that most closely aligns with the program. Speak to your adviser for details.



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REQUIRED COURSES

Total Degree Credits: 60.0

- EN 110 College Composition (3 cr)
- EN 111 Composition and Interpretation of Literature (3 cr)
- _____ Math Elective (3-4 cr)
- _____ 3 Social Science Electives (9 cr)
- _____ 2 Humanities Electives (6 cr)
- _____ 2 Science Electives (6-9 cr)
- _____ Open College Electives to complete a total of 60 credit hours required for the degree
- _____ SUNY General Education Requirement *Note 7*

GS 111 is a recommended course. GS 110 and GS 113/114 are also electives in the General Studies curriculum.

Note:

1. Student placement in an appropriate English course depends upon the results of a reading and writing placement test.
2. Student placement in an appropriate mathematics course depends upon the results of a mathematics pretest. Developmental mathematics courses cannot be used for degree credit.*
3. Social Science: anthropology (AN), economics (EC), government (GO), history (HI), human services (HU), psychology (PS), sociology (SO), geography (GP), social science (SS).
4. Humanities: EN 114, 140, 141, 150, 151, and EN 205 or higher; music (MU), dance (DN), drama-theatre (DT), art (AT), philosophy (PY), French (FR), Sign Language (SL), Spanish (SP), communication media (CA).
5. A student may fulfill the open college elective requirement with any degree level course offered through SUNY Erie. However, registration for open college electives will be determined by the availability of space and academic advisement.
6. Science: astronomy (AS), biology (BI), chemistry (CH), geology (GL), physics (PH).
7. General Education Requirement: 30 credit hours of SUNY General Education courses are required to graduate. The requirement also calls for at least seven out of ten of SUNY's General Education Knowledge areas to be fulfilled. General Education credits can simultaneously fulfill requirements in the General Studies major.
8. PY 102 will not be accepted as a Math elective.

**See reference to developmental studies elsewhere in catalog*

Advisement considers placement test scores.

NOTE: Student should consult his/her academic adviser prior to registering.