

# General Studies

## Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

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**Length:** Four semesters (two years)

**Purpose:** The Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree Program with a major in General Studies is a degree program designed for transfer to four-year colleges for those students whose area of interest is other than those covered by VHCC's Business Administration, Science, or Education curricula. In general, these students would not be taking a foreign language and would not be planning to major in the fields of education, business, science, medicine, mathematics, agriculture, or computer science. Some possible goals of a General Studies student might be Communications, Social Work, or Journalism. General Studies is also appropriate for the undecided transfer student or those in transition between colleges.

**Admission Requirements:** In addition to the admission requirements established for the college, entry into the General Studies program recommends the satisfactory completion of the following high school units or equivalent as a minimum: 4 units of English; 3 units of college preparatory mathematics; 1 unit of laboratory science; and 1 unit of social science. Students with deficiencies in reading, writing or math will be required to take developmental studies.

**Program Requirements:** Four-year colleges and universities usually require a broad general education during the first two years of their baccalaureate programs. Therefore, this curriculum offers a distribution of general education courses usually required in the first two years of many baccalaureate programs. Students are urged to select a four-year college or university early in the planning with their counselor and to prepare their community college program carefully in accord with the requirements for entry into the junior year at the college to which they will transfer. When admitted into the program the student will, in consultation with the Counselor, develop a curriculum based upon the freshman and sophomore year requirements of the transfer institution, which the student has selected. The student should then consult with the transfer institution to be certain that the planned program will provide the student with the courses the student must have in order to be admitted as a junior upon graduation from VHCC. The Counselor and/or Faculty Advisor will assist the student in selecting courses, which are normally transferable. Upon satisfactory completion of the four-semester program, the graduate will be awarded the Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree with a major in General Studies.

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>				
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
HIS	History 101, 111 or 121	3	0	3
MTH	Mathematics	3	0	3
SCI	BIO 101	3	3	4
SDV 101	Orientation to College Success	1	0	1
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>				
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
HIS	History 102, 112 or 122	3	0	3
MTH	Mathematics	3	0	3
SCI	Natural Science BIO 102	3	3	4
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
<b>Third Semester (Fall)</b>				
HUM/FA	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
SSE	Social Sciences Elective	3	0	3
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Semester (Spring)</b>				
HUM/FA	Humanities Elective	3	0	3
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
EEE	Transfer Elective	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Minimum Credits for the AA&amp;S Degree</b>				<b>63</b>

Students are urged to follow the recommended pathways available for this degree when choosing electives - see General Studies: [History/Political Science Pathway](#), [Liberal Arts Pathway](#), or [Sociology Pathway](#).

Additional approved humanities and social science electives are listed at <http://www.vhcc.edu/GenEdCore>.

Students are urged to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the major department in the college or university to which transfer is contemplated; and further, to consult with their counselors and advisors at VHCC in planning their academic program and electives.