

# Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS)

## Certificate

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**Length:** Two-year program

Course Number	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
<b>First Semester</b>				
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
MTH	MTH course from UCGS Course Roster	3	0	3
HIS	HIS course from UCGS Course Roster	3	0	3
HUM/ART/LIT	Humanities or ART course from the UCGS Course Roster**	3	0	3
SCI	Natural Science course from UCGS Course Roster	3	3	4
<b>Second Semester</b>				
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
SSE	Social Science Elective from UCGS Course Roster (not history)	3	0	3
EEE	Specialized General Education course from UCGS Course Roster***	3	0-3	3-4
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HUM/ART/LIT	Humanities, ART, or Literature course from UCGS Course Roster	3	0	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>3-9</b>	<b>31-33</b>

The Uniform Certificate of General Studies (UCGS) is a two-year college program in which all courses are transferable and satisfy lower-division general education requirements at any Virginia public institution of higher education. The Passport is component of the UCGS and is therefore a subset of courses in the UCGS. The UCGS consists of seven course blocks. To satisfy the UCGS students are required to complete the appropriate number of courses in each block as described below. Student course selection should be carefully considered since the UCGS program is not designed to capture the complexities of individual programs of study at the four-year institutions. Students should be advised to take the UCGS course that best suits their intended program of study at the four-year institution. The UCGS Course Roster\* for the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) is below. The UCGS Course Roster for Richard Bland College is under development.

\* [UCGS Course Roster](#).

\*\*For the HUM, ART, LIT block, students must select two courses chosen from different categories. Please note that the two courses cannot be from the same category.

\*\*\*This references Block VII on the UCGS Course Roster. Students may complete courses from UCGS Course Roster Blocks I-VI or any additional course from Block VII on UCGS Course Roster. Students should align their Block VII course selection with their intended transfer destination's specific general education or programmatic requirements. VHCC recommends the default selection for these two courses to be CST 100 and ITE 152 or another HIS course from the UCGS Course Roster.

\*\*\*\*VHCC recommends that students who intend to pursue an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree with VHCC to additionally take SDV 100/101, but this course is not part of the UCGS Certificate.