ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES - (AGS)

Description

For students who are not pursuing specific transfer or career and technical education programs, the Associate of General Studies (AGS) provides an alternative and allows students to accomplish personal educational goals. The AGS includes a broad general education along with courses selected by the student and their advisor. It is important for a student to work closely with an advisor in designing a course plan for this degree.

Statewide General Education Student Learning Outcomes

Please see the General Education page for statewide general education student learning outcomes.

Entrance Requirements

While this program has no formal entrance requirement, individual courses may have prerequisites which must be met before enrollment.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
General Education/Foundational		
Digital Literacy:		
CIS 120	Computer Concepts (or pass competency exam)	0-4
Health:		
Choose 4 credits [1]		4
Math:		4
Choose one course from either the general education mathematics list or the related instruction computation list. [2]		
Oral Communication:		
Choose one course		3-4
Writing:		
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
Choose one of the following: [3]		3-4
BA 214	Business Communications	
WR 122	Argument, Research, and Multimodal Composition	
WR 227	Technical Writing	
General Education/ Discipline studies		
Arts and Letters:		
Choose one course from the disciplines studies list		3-4
Science/Math/Computer Science:		
Choose one course from the disciplines studies list		3-5
Social Science:		
Choose one course from the disciplines studies list		3-4
Cultural Literacy:		
Choose one course from the disciplines studies list		3-4
Electives		
Choose any course numbered 100 or above that brings the total credits to 90 quarter hours.		60
Total Credits		**90-101**

[1] HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

[2] Choose one math course from either the general education mathematics list or the related instruction computation list.

[3] WR 122 Argument, Research, and Multimodal Composition and WR 227 Technical Writing are designed as a sequence to follow WR 121 Academic Composition. Consult with an advisor to determine the best selection between BA 214 Business Communications, WR 122 Argument, Research, and Multimodal Composition, and WR 227 Technical Writing.

Advising Notes

Advantages

The Associate of General Studies (AGS) awards a degree for completion of college-level coursework in core skills and general education and allows students flexibility to customize more than half the degree's required number of credits. With careful planning, it can be used to enhance employment, meet sponsoring agency requirements, and/or meet specific baccalaureate requirements.

Considerations

The AGS degree does not transfer with the same guarantees of the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree. For example, it does not guarantee that a student will meet all lower-division general education requirements at a public Oregon institution. However, with careful academic advising and in consideration of transfer institution requirements, the AGS degree may be designed to meet general education and major requirements.

The AGS degree does not meet certification requirements for any career and technical education area.

Performance Standards

- Academic Requirements:

  - Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
  - All general education courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Sample Plan

First Term		Credits
Health:		4
Elective		4
Math course		4
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
	Credits	**16**
Second Term		
Arts and Letters:		3-4
Choose one from the following:		3-4
BA 214	Business Communications	
WR 122	Argument, Research, and Multimodal Composition	
WR 227	Technical Writing	
CIS 120	Computer Concepts	4

Social Science:	3-4
Credits	**13-16**
Third Term	
Cultural Literacy:	3-4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Science/Math/Computer Science:	3-5
Credits	**14-17**
Fourth Term	
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Oral Communication:	3-4
Credits	**15-16**
Fifth Term	
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Credits	**16**
Sixth Term	
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Credits	**16**
Total Credits	**90-97**