



General Studies

Program: General Studies

Program Code:

GS

Academic Area:

Business and Experiential Education

Type:

Associate in Science

CIP Code:

24.0102

Program Statement

The General Studies program is intended for students who want to explore various fields of study and/or career options. It is also applicable to students who wish to create their own interdisciplinary program which is not available at the college.

Program Information

- This program is intended for students to explore a variety of fields before committing to an academic program. It is not designed for transfer.
- Students who fulfill all of their General Education competency requirements will gain practical skills for employment, such as critical thinking, communication, and more.
- Students who wish to tailor their degree to specific interests should speak with an Advisor or relevant faculty member.

After Bristol

This program is not designed for transfer. Students who intend to transfer should speak with an Advisor.

Degree Requirements

General Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
COM 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
CSS 101	College Success Seminar	1
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
	HST 111, 112, 113 or 114	3
	SOC 101, 212 or 252	3



Elective Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
	Science Elective	3-4
	Multicultural and Social Perspectives Elective	3
	Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	0-3

Program Electives

Course #	Title	Credits
	General Studies Program Electives	31-36

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

Course #	Title	Credits
CSS 101	College Success Seminar	1
	Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Elective	3
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
	HST 111, 112, 113 or 114	3
	Program Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
	Science Elective	3-4
	Multicultural and Social Perspectives Elective	3
	SOC 101, 212 or 252	3
	Program Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

Course #	Title	Credits
COM 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
	Program Elective	3
	Program Elective	3
	Program Elective	3
	Program Elective	3



Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

Course #	Title	Credits
	Information Literacy Elective	0-3
	Program Elective	3
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	Program Elective	3
	Program Elective	3
	Total credits:	60

Category Descriptions

HST 111, 112, 113 or 114

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
HST 111	The West and the World I	3
HST 112	The West and the World II	3
HST 113	United States History to 1877	3
HST 114	United States History from 1877	3

SOC 101, 212 or 252

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
SOC 212	The Sociology of Social Problems	3
SOC 252	The Sociology of Human Relations	3

Science Elective

Credits: 3-4

Choose one [MassTransfer](#) Science elective.

Multicultural and Social Perspectives Elective

Credits: 3



Choose one Multicultural and Social Perspectives elective.

Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Elective

Credits: 3

Choose one Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning elective.

Information Literacy Elective

Credits: 0-3

Information Literacy Elective can be waived for students who have successfully completed two online or hybrid courses.

Choose one Information Literacy elective.

General Studies Program Electives

Credits: 31-36

Consult with your advisor to select college-level courses to achieve a total of at least 60 credits.

(CUL, DHG, HCI, MAS, MAT, MED, NUR, OTA, and PLB courses are approved electives within General Studies for all students who had previously been enrolled in a selective/competitive program.)