



General Studies

Program: General Studies

Program Code:

GS

Academic Area:

Business and Experiential Education

Type:

Associate in Science

Campus:

Fall River

CIP Code:

24.0102

Program Goals Statement

The General Studies program is ideal for students who want to explore various fields of study and/or career options. As an undecided freshman, it allows you to mold your class schedule to try a wide variety of subjects that you find interesting. Students who have a very specific goal in mind for their future can take classes that fir their goals. General Studies is perfect for students who wish to create their own disciplinary program and not be limited to the programs available through the College.

Program Information

- Learn how to think critically, communicate effectively, and pull together knowledge from many disciplines-- skills you will need to be successful in almost any career.
- Students will acquire a broad-based education.
- General Studies can be perfect for students who use its lack of structure to their advantage and mold it to their individual needs.

After Bristol

- Graduates receive an excellent preparation to continue education and achieve a bachelor's degree.
- Graduates continue school in a variety of disciplines, including art, media arts, public relations, entertainment, sales, law enforcement, law school, health professions, and other graduate programs.
- Students may seek employment in a variety of fields.

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
	Program Elective	3
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	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.)