ARTICULATION AND GENERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
Approved
GENERAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

General Studies Curriculum Core (41 SH)

Forty-one semester hours of credit in general studies core courses have been approved by the Articulation and General Studies Committee. The general studies curriculum core includes study in the areas of written composition, humanities and fine arts, natural sciences and mathematics, and history, social, and behavioral sciences.

AREA I - Written Composition (6SH)
Effective written communication skills are essential in a literate society. Minimum requirements include at least 6 semester hours in written composition.

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AREA II - Humanities and Fine Arts (12SH)
Study in the humanities addresses the ability to deal with questions of values, ethics, or aesthetics as they are represented in literature, philosophy, religion, and the arts, and is fundamental to general education. Minimum requirements include at least 12 semester hours in humanities with a minimum of 3 semester hours in literature*, 3 semester hours in the arts, and the remaining semester hours from the humanities and/or fine arts. In addition to literature, disciplines in the humanities include, but are not limited to, philosophy, religious studies, speech, foreign languages, art, music, theatre, and dance.

*As a part of the General Studies Curriculum, students must complete a 6 semester hour sequence either in literature (Area II) or history (Area IV).

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Courses should be broad in scope and content rather than specific and should emphasize a global perspective. Courses in the arts should emphasize history and appreciation rather than performance. Examples in the humanities and fine arts include, but are not limited to, world literature, art history, music appreciation, comparative religions, and history or origins of dance.

AREA III - Natural Sciences and Mathematics (11 SH)
Study in the natural sciences and mathematics emphasizes the scientific method and applies quantitative or inductive reasoning. Minimum requirements include at least 11 semester hours with at least 3 semester hours in mathematics* at the pre-calculus algebra level or Finite Mathematics level unless otherwise specified and at least 8 semester hours in the natural sciences which must include laboratory experiences. Disciplines in the natural sciences include but are not limited to, astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, and physics.

*Some mathematics courses are offered for 4 semester credit hours. Only minimum semester requirements are indicated.

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AREA IV - History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences (12 SH)
Study in history and the social and behavioral sciences deals primarily with the study of human behavior, social and political structures, and economics. Minimum requirements include 12 semester hours with at least a 3 semester hours course in history* and at least 6 semester hours from among
other disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. Disciplines include, but are not limited to, anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, and sociology.

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Courses should be broad in scope and content, include global or international perspectives, and must emphasize the methods of inquiry in the social sciences.

The Maximum Total for AREAS I-IV is 41 Semester Hours

AREA V - Pre-Professional, Major, and Elective Courses (19-23 SH)

Area V is designated for courses appropriate to the degree/major requirements of the individual student (it may also include electives*).

*Some institutions may include courses in wellness or physical education.

GRAND TOTAL for AREAS I-V: 60-64 SH

Note: For institutions requiring 120 semester hours for graduation the maximum allowable hours for transfer from a community college into a four-year baccalaureate degree program will be 60 semester hours.

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