

ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

The Associate in General Studies degree provides a flexible and broad education that allows students to explore a variety of subject areas. The degree is designed for those who are not interested in transferring into a specific major or field, but instead for those who would benefit from earning a degree for personal goals.

Students should be aware that transfer options for the degree as a whole are limited. The structure of this program does not meet the minimum Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) general education core requirements needed for transfer.

Because of the individualized nature of this degree, all students pursuing it must have an approved education plan and approval on file. Students should meet with an academic advisor for approval and discuss transfer implications as they develop the plan.

Degree Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirement		
<i>Communications</i>		9
Three courses including a two-course sequence in writing and one course in oral communication. A grade of C or better in ENGL 101 and ENG 102 is required.		
ENG 101	English Composition I	
ENG 102	English Composition II	
CMS 101	Fundamentals of Speech	
<i>Sciences</i>		3
APS 111	Applied Physical Science	
ATY 100	Astronomy	
ATY 101	Elementary Astronomy	
BIO 105	Survey of Environmental Biology	
BIO 108	Biology for Contemporary Society (L)	
BIO 110	Principles of Biology (L)	
BIO 113	Molecular & Cellular Biology (L)	
BIO 114	Organismal Bio, Evolution, Ecology (L)	
BIO 115	Environmental Biology (L)	
BIO 240	Human Anatomy and Physiology	
BIO 245	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIO 246	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
BIO 265	Microbiology	
CHM 101	Preparatory Chemistry	
CHM 112	Elements of Chemistry: General	
CHM 142	General Chemistry I	
CHM 143	General Chemistry II	
CHM 170	Elementary Organic Chemistry	
CHM 234	Organic Chemistry I	
CHM 235	Organic Chemistry II	
GEO 115	Intro to Physical Geography	

GLY 112	Physical Geology	
Physics-PHY		
<i>Math</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
Math-MTH		
BUS 120	Business Mathematics	
<i>Behavioral Sciences</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
Anthropology-ATR		
Psychology-PSY		
Sociology-SOC		
<i>Social Sciences</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
Economics-ECN		
History-HIS		
Geography-GEO, except GEO 115		
Political Science-POS		
International Studies-INS, excluding non-traditional languages		
<i>Areas of Concentration</i>		39
Areas of concentration include coursework for all courses numbered 100 and above.		
Total Credit Hours		60

College Requirements

1. A total of 60 hours or more must be completed as specified above. This total cannot include any credits earned in courses numbered below 100 nor any courses with ABE, ASE, AMT, ARW, or ESL prefixes. The 60 hours total may include up to four hours of credit in physical education courses prefixed by PHC.
2. Meet the college's Academic Residency Requirement for University Transfer degrees: A minimum of 15 semester hours in courses numbered 100 and above and must have been achieved at ECC, excluding AP, CLEP, and proficiency credits.
3. Students may apply up to six hours of Independent Study credit toward any associate degree.
4. Students can earn only one transfer associate degree. Should a student seek to earn more than one transfer degree, a Petition to Earn Multiple Transfer Degrees form must be submitted to the associate dean of advising, transfer, and career development services.