

Associate in General Studies, General Education Requirements

The Associate in General Studies Degree provides you the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and greater philosophical appreciation for lifelong learning.

Prior to the beginning of the third semester, candidates for the Associate in General Studies Degree must designate a specific program of courses approved by the appropriate instructional area and signed by the advisor.

The Associate in General Studies Degree will be awarded upon completion of the planned program of not less than 64 college credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or overall "C." To be eligible for graduation, the student must have completed at least fifteen (15) credit hours from Barton County Community College. Students who remain continuously enrolled from time of entry to application for graduation will be held to the catalog requirements in effect when they declare their program of study, unless a later catalog is adopted. "Continuous enrollment" refers to annual Fall and Spring semester enrollment (or equivalent) in a minimum of at least one credit bearing course per semester. Should a student's enrollment be interrupted, they will be held to the guidelines and requirements of the catalog of record at the time of program re-entry.

This guideline does not apply to students with documented leave of absence justification or members of the military involved in deployment operations. Changes to prerequisites and/or curriculum which occur for purposes beyond graduation – e.g. regulatory and legislative updates, third party accreditation or other certification bodies requirements, increased skill demand from industry, employment or transfer requirement changes, or recommended and/or mandated changes from the Kansas Board of Regents or other such entities are not subject to these catalog requirements.

Prior coursework may be evaluated to determine currency of content before including the credit hours toward a certificate or degree. Developmental courses cannot be used to fulfill degree requirements.

A minimum distribution of credits and general education course requirements shall be:

FOUNDATION STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

Distribution Requirement: 12 credit hours total

Written Communications: 3 credit hours

English Composition I (ENGL 1203 or 1204)

Oral Communications (written or oral): 3 credit hours

Interpersonal Communications (COMM 1200) OR

Fundamentals of Speech (COMM 1202) OR

Public Speaking (COMM 1230)

College-level Mathematics: 3 credit hours

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

Computer Literacy: 3 credit hours

Computer Concepts & Apps or equivalent (BSTC 1036)

HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS

Distribution Requirements: 6 credit hours total with a minimum of 3 credit hours in at least two of the following three subject areas:

Fine Arts Area

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

Language Arts Area

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

Philosophy/Religion and History Area

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS

Distribution Requirements: 6 credit hours total with a minimum of 3 credit hours in at least two of the following three subject areas:

Social Science Area

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

Behavioral Science Area

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

Economics/Political Science Area

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENTS

Distribution Requirements: 3 credit hours total

Natural Science Area

(See general education courses list for acceptable courses)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH, PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Distribution Requirement: 2 credit hours total

This requirement may be met with a minimum of two credits in Physical Education, Health, and/or Dance/Music/Theatre performance courses, but no more than one credit hour from performance courses may count towards this two credit hour requirement.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Distribution Requirement:

In addition to the general education requirements, you must complete 35 college credit hours in fine arts, business occupations, computer technology and other courses as selected.

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES

DEGREE: 64 credit hours