

Associate in General Studies Degree

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

Developmental courses cannot be used to fulfill degree requirements.

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 have a maximum of six years to meet catalog requirements for graduation in effect at the College when they first entered. However, if a student has had their college program interrupted by more than two consecutive years, they will be subject to the requirements in effect when they re-enter, or if they elect, the requirements of a later catalog.

Prior coursework may be evaluated to determine currency of content before including the credit hours toward a certificate or degree.

A minimum distribution of credits shall be:

1. General education requirements include:

Basic/Foundation Studies (Fundamental Courses)	9 hours
DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT:	
Written Communications English Composition I (ENGL 1203 or 1204)	3 hours
Additional Communications (written or oral) English Composition II (ENGL 1206 or 1207) Or, Technical and Report Writing (ENGL 1205) Or, Interpersonal Communications (COMM 1200) Or, Fundamentals of Speech (COMM 1202) or Public Speaking (COMM 1230)	3 hours
College-level Mathematics See general education course list of acceptable courses.)	3 hours
Computer Literacy Computer Concepts (BSTC 1036)	3 hours
Humanities DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT: Minimum of 3 credit hours in at least two of the following three subject areas: Fine Arts Area Language Arts Area Philosophy/Religion and History Area Constraint: At least 3 credits must be from "breadth" course(s)	6 hours
Social and Behavioral Sciences DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT: Minimum of 3 credit hours in at least two of the following three subject areas: Social Science Area Behavioral Science Area Economics/Political Science Area Constraint: At least 3 credits must be from "breadth" course(s)	6 hours

Natural Sciences	3 hours
Physical Education, Health, Performance 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.	2 hours
Total	26 hours

- 2. In addition to the general education requirements, you must complete 40 college credit hours in fine arts, business occupations, computer technology and other courses as selected.**