

# General Studies

**Associate of Arts**  
**60-66 credit hours**

The Associate of Arts degree in General Studies is designed for students who want to experience a broad spectrum of course offerings. It includes the core curriculum that will allow a student to transfer to a four-year university to complete the final two years of a Bachelor degree. Maximum transferability can be assured when students carefully coordinate education requirements with the four-year institution of their choice. Successful completion of the degree will be attained when the student can transfer to a four-year institution as a junior. Upon program completion students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to use critical thinking
- Use effective communication skills both in speaking and writing
- Participate responsibly in the social and political environment

## **Institutional and Related Requirements – 3 or 7 hours**

UNIV 101 - Freshman Seminar – 3  
MATH 104 - Preparatory Algebra – 4\*  
*\*Can be waived if student is taking MATH 113*

## **New Mexico General Education Common Core (NMGECC) – 35 or 37 hours**

- I. Communicating Effectively – 9 hours  
Required Courses:  
ENG 102 - English Composition – 3  
ENG 104 - English Composition & Research – 3  
COMM 101 - Interpersonal Communication – 3  
**or** COMM 102 - Public Speaking – 3
- II. Understanding and Applying Mathematics – 3 or 4 hours  
Recommended Courses:  
MATH 119 - College Algebra – 3  
STAT 213 - Statistical Methods – 4  
**or** any MATH course listed in the NMGECC
- III. Science – 8 hours  
Recommended courses:  
BIOL 154/L - General Biology: Subcellular through Organismic Biology/Lab – 4  
BIOL 155/L - General Biology: Organismic through Supra Organismic Biology/Lab – 4  
CHEM 151/L - General Chemistry I/Lab – 4  
CHEM 152/L - General Chemistry II/Lab – 4  
**or** any science with a lab listed in the NMGECC
- IV. Social Science – 6 hours  
Recommended Courses:  
PSCI 102 - American National Government – 3  
PSY 101 - Introductory Psychology – 3

SOC 101 – Introductory Sociology – 3

or any two Social Sciences from different disciplines listed in the NMGECC

V. Fine Arts and Humanities – 6 or 7 hours

a. Fine Arts - 3 hours

Recommended courses:

ART 131 - Art Appreciation – 3

MUS 113 - Music Appreciation – 3

THTR 121 - Beginning Acting – 3

or any Fine Arts course listed in the NMGECC

b. Humanities – 3 or 4 hours

Recommended Courses:

HIST 101 - Survey of American History to 1877 – 3

HIST 102 - Survey of American History since 1877 – 3

HIST 121 - Survey of Western Civilization to 1500 – 3

HIST 122 - Survey of Western Civilization since 1500 – 3

SPAN 101 - Beginning Spanish – 4

or any Humanities course listed in the NMGECC

**Plus an additional course:**

Choose an additional Social Science (IV), Humanities or Fine Arts (V) course from the NMGECC – 3 hours

**Electives – 22 hours**