

# General Studies

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

The Associate of Arts degree in the 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 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 student 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\*

*Note: If instructional/related requirements are waived, additional elective courses will be needed to meet the minimum hours required for the degree.*

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

### **I. Communicating Effectively – 9hours**

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 – 4**

hours Recommended Courses:

MATH 113 - Liberal Arts Math - 4

MATH 119 – College Algebra – 4

STAT 213 – Statistical Methods – 4

or any MATH course listed in the NMGECC

III. Science – 8 hours

Recommended

courses:

BIOL 154/L – General Biology I: Subcellular through Organismic/Lab – 4

BIOL 155/L – General Biology II: 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 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 – 3 hours:**

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

**Electives – 22 hours**