GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

General education is that portion of the collegiate experience that addresses the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values characteristic of educated persons. It is unbounded by disciplines and honors the connections among bodies of knowledge. NOVA degree graduates will demonstrate competency in the following general education areas: communication, critical thinking, cultural and social understanding, information literacy, personal development, quantitative reasoning, and scientific reasoning.

Consequently, the College, in accord with the general education guidelines of the Virginia Community College System, has determined the following list of general education elective courses.

It is highly recommended that you consult with your academic advisor or counselor in order to select the most appropriate course for your curriculum and/or transferability to another college.

Humanities/Fine Arts Electives
ARC 200 History of Architecture
ARC 201 History of Modern Architecture
ART 100 Art Appreciation
ART 101-102 History and Appreciation of Art
ART 103-104 History of Far Eastern Art
ART 105 Art in World Culture
ART 106 History of Modern Art
ART 150 History of Film and Animation
ART 211-212 History of American Art
ART 213-214 Italian Art
ART 250 History of Design
ASL 125 The History & Culture of the Deaf Community
ASL 201-202 American Sign Language III-IV
CST 130 Introduction to the Theatre
CST 141 Theatre Appreciation I
CST 151-152 Film Appreciation I-II
CST 231-232 History of the Theatre I-II
ENG Any 200-level literature course

Foreign Languages All 200-level courses
(ASL 201 & 202 may be used to meet the foreign language requirement at VCCS colleges, but may not transfer as foreign language to other institutions.)

HIS 101-102 History of Western Civilization
HIS 111-112 History of World Civilization
HIS 187 Interpreting Material Culture
HIS 243 History of the Ancient World
HIS 255 History of Chinese Culture and Institutions
HIS 256 History of Japanese Culture and Institutions
HIS 261 Topics in Cultural Ethnicity
HIS 262 United States History in Film
(The above HIS courses can be considered humanities at VCCS colleges but may not transfer as humanities to other institutions.)

HUM All courses
MUS 121-122 Music Appreciation
MUS 221-222 History of Music
MUS 225 The History of Jazz
PHI All courses
PHT 110 History of Photography
REL All courses

Social/Behavioral Sciences
ECO 110 Consumer Economics
ECO 115 Understanding Our Environment: An Economic Introduction
ECO 120 Survey of Economics
ECO 201-202 Principles of Macro and Micro Economics
ECO 210 International Economics
ECO 245 Contemporary Economic Issues
GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography
GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography
GEO 220  World Regional Geography
GEO 230  Political Geography
HIS 101-102 History of Western Civilization
HIS 111-112 History of World Civilization
HIS 121-122 United States History I-II
HIS 125 History of the American Indian
HIS 126 Women in World History
HIS 127 Women in American History
HIS 135 History of the Contemporary World
HIS 141-142 Afro-American History I-II
HIS 187 Interpreting Material Culture
HIS 203 History of African Civilization
HIS 211 History of England
HIS 225-226 Topics in European History
HIS 231-232 History of Latin American Civilizations I-II
HIS 241-242 History of Russia I-II
HIS 243 History of the Ancient World
HIS 251-252 History of Middle East Civilization I-II
HIS 253-254 History of Asian Civilizations
HIS 255 History of Chinese Culture and Institutions
HIS 256 History of Japanese Culture and Institutions
HIS 261 Topics in Cultural Ethnicity
HIS 262 United States History in Film

PLS  All courses
PSY  All courses
SOC  All courses

SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs

**Additional HIS courses may be approved by the faculty advisor.

Physical and Life Sciences/Mathematics

BIO 101-102* General Biology I-II
BIO 107  Biology of the Environment
BIO 110 General Botany
BIO 120 General Zoology
BIO 141-142 Anatomy & Physiology I-II
CHM 101-102** General Chemistry I-II
CHM 111-112 College Chemistry I-II
CHM 121-122 Health Sciences Chemistry I-II
ENV 121-122 General Environmental Science I-II
GOL 105 Physical Geology
GOL 106 Historical Geology
GOL 111-112 Oceanography I-II
GOL 206 Paleontology
GOL 225 Environmental Geology
NAS 101-102*** Natural Sciences I-II
NAS 125 Meteorology
NAS 130 Elements of Astronomy
PHY 101-102 Introduction to Physics I-II
PHY 201-202 General College Physics I-II
PHY 231-232 General University Physics I-II
MTH 151-152 Math for Liberal Arts I-II
MTH 157 Elementary Statistics
MTH 163-164 PreCalculus I-II
MTH 166 PreCalculus with Trigonometry
MTH 173-174 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I-II
MTH 181-182 Finite Mathematics
MTH 241-242 Statistics I-II
MTH 271-272 Applied Calculus

*Additional biology (BIO) courses may be approved by a faculty advisor.

**Additional chemistry (CHM) courses may be approved by a faculty advisor.

***Additional natural science (NAS) courses may be approved by a faculty advisor.