

Northern Virginia Community College 2008-2009 Catalog

GENERAL STUDIES

Associate of Science Degree

AL, AN, LO, MA, WO, ELI*

Purpose: The General Studies A.S. degree is a flexible associate degree. For students who plan to transfer, the degree can parallel the first two years of a four-year B.S. degree program if they choose courses that match the transfer institution's requirements. For those students who do not plan to transfer, the degree allows them to structure a program to suit their needs using accumulated credits from a variety of formal and experiential sources.

Transfer Information: Students are advised to work closely with the faculty and counseling staff for program and course scheduling. Electives should be chosen carefully to meet requirements of transfer institution. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student. Students are encouraged to complete the A.S. degree before transferring.

*Graduation requirements are certified by a faculty advisor at a campus offering this major.

Two Years		Credits
1st Semester		
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
ITE	115 Intro. to Computer Applications & Concepts or CSC 110 Intro. to Computing	3
MTH	150 Topics in Geometry or higher	3
¹ _____	Natural Science/Lab Elective	4
² PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
SDV	Elective	<u>1</u>
	Total	15
2nd Semester		
³ ENG	112 College Composition II	3
HIS	Elective	3
⁴ _____	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
¹ _____	Natural Science/Lab Elective	4
⁵ SPD	Elective	<u>3</u>
	Total	16
3rd Semester		
⁴ _____	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
_____	General Electives	9
⁶ _____	Social Science Elective	<u>3</u>
	Total	15
4th Semester		
_____	General Electives	10
² PED/RPK	Elective	1
⁶ _____	Social Science Elective	<u>3</u>
	Total	14

Total credits for the A.S. Degree in General Studies = 60.

¹ The science elective may be selected from biology, chemistry, physics, geology, or natural science courses with a lab component, listed under General Education Electives (excluding NAS 161-162). Some four-year colleges require a two-semester sequence.

² The PED requirement may be met by one of the following options: PED 116, 2 cr.; PED 116, 1 cr. plus a PED activities course, 1 cr.; or PED 116, 1 cr. plus RPK activities course. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.

³ ENG 125 may be substituted with the advice of a counselor or faculty advisor according to requirements of transfer institutions.

⁴ Humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from the humanities/fine arts courses listed under General Education Electives. Elective should be selected with advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet requirements of transfer institution.

⁵⁴ The SPD elective may be selected from the following: SPD 100, 110, 115, 126, 227 or 229.

⁶ The social science elective may be selected from the social/behavioral sciences courses listed under General Education Electives.