

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

The Associate of Arts in General Studies program is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in liberal arts and humanities while integrating Christian values and perspectives. Each student is required to complete the University Core in consultation with his/her advisor. The student will choose elective courses to increase professional skills, educational competencies, personal enrichment, and spiritual development. Upon completion of this degree, the student will be able to:

- Develop a broad understanding of the liberal arts and sciences by completing coursework in various disciplines such as humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and fine arts.
- Develop critical thinking skills by analyzing and evaluating ideas, arguments, and worldviews from a Christian perspective across different academic areas.
- Demonstrate effective written and verbal communication skills, expressing ideas clearly and concisely by written and oral presentations.
- Demonstrate a foundational understanding of the Bible, including key theological concepts, historical context, literary genres, and major biblical narratives.
- Foster personal spiritual growth and formation through practices such as prayer and Bible study as well as achieve physical fitness and health.
- Engage in community service and demonstrate a commitment to serving others in alignment with Christian values.

UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS:

Christian Studies Core (15 hours)

Christian Studies

BIBL 2313	Life of Christ	3 hrs
THEO 1223	Christian Doctrine	3 hrs

Humanities

BIBL 1113	Survey of the Bible	3 hrs
PHIL 1123	Christian Apologetics	3 hrs

Social Science

SOCI 2403	Marriage and Family	3 hrs
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English Composition (6 hours)

ENGL 1113	English Composition I	3 hrs*
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3 hrs*

Liberal Arts (3 hours)

IDIS 1553	College Gateway: Saints Seminar	3 hrs*
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Mathematics (3 hours)

MATH ----	Math (1500 or above)	3 hrs
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Natural Sciences (6 hours + 1 hour of lab)

BIOL, CHEM, or NATS (1000 or above)	7 hrs
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U.S. History and Government (6 hours)

HIST 1323/1423	American History	3 hrs
POLS 1523	American Federal Government	3 hrs

Core Electives (9 hours)

University Core Requirement is 49 hours.

ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS (12 hours)

61 hours is required for Associate of Arts in General Studies.

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.