OVERVIEW
College students who are having difficulty deciding on a course of study may pursue a degree in general studies. This program provides students with the flexibility to explore a variety of subjects. Offering study in many fields, the program can help prepare students for work in numerous settings, as well as readying them for advanced study in a specific field. An associate degree in General Studies gives students the base knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a higher college degree such as a bachelor’s degree. The General Studies program can be customized based on areas of interest.

CAREER READINESS SKILLS
Critical Thinking/Problem-Solving
Form creative decisions by interpreting information, opinions and data.

Oral/Written Communication
Explain thoughts and ideas effectively to people inside and outside the organization.

Teamwork
Work efficiently with diverse groups; the ability to negotiate and manage conflict maturely.

Digital Technology
Demonstrate adaptability to new emerging technology to achieve goals.

Leadership
Leverage the strength of others to achieve common goals, as well as prioritizing and delegating work.

Professionalism
Recognizing the significance of time, tasks, appearance and accountability.

Career Management
Understand how to self-advocate for opportunities, while identifying areas necessary for professional growth.

Global Perspective
Openness, inclusiveness, and sensitivity to people of diverse backgrounds and lifestyles.

RELATED CAREERS
Office Clerks
Customer Service Representatives
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Sales Representatives

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SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Prerequisite or parallel courses may be required. Please check individual course descriptions for details.

GENERAL STUDIES
ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Freshman Year
ENG* E101 - Composition 3 credits
Elective (MATH) - Mathematics 3-4 credits
FS E100 - Freshman Seminar 3 credits
Elective (AESX) - Aesthetic Dimensions 3 credits
Elective (SOCX) - Social Phenomena I 3 credits
Elective (SOPX) - Social Phenomena II 3 credits
ENG* E102 - Literature & Composition 3 credits
or Elective (WRIX) - Written Comm. in English II (3 credits)
Elective (SCKX) - Scientific Knowledge & Understanding 3-4 credits
Elective (HUM) - Humanities 3 credits
Elective (BHEL) - Behavioral Science 3 credits

Sophomore Year
Elective (SSCI) - Social Science 3 credits
Elective (SCI) - Science 3-4 credits
Elective (FINA) - Fine Arts 3 credits
Electives (OPEN) - Any course 100 or higher 18-21 credits

Total Credits: 60 - 63

1 MAT* E075, MAT* E095 not acceptable.
2 FS 100 (Freshman Seminar) course is required. Students with 12 or more college credits may be exempt. Consult with your advisor for more information. Freshman Seminar should be completed during the first semester.
3 Electives: See the course descriptions in the college catalog to see which category a course aligns with. It is suggested that students discuss selection of electives with their assigned advisor. One year of foreign language is recommended.
4 Open Electives: Any college level course (course 100 level or higher can fulfill this requirement, however, 15 credits must be taken in 200-level courses to earn the degree.

NOTE: For degree completion the student must complete the Computer Literacy Requirement.
NOTE: A minimum of 15 credits must be taken in 200-level courses.
NOTE: It is recommended that students take one year of a foreign language.

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