

Associate in Arts in General Studies

Program Overview

Upon completion of this degree, students will have gained further understanding of valuing cultural and global diversity, being able to work effectively as part of a team and thinking critically to solve problems.

To Learn More About This Program

Contact the Office of First Year Experience at 269-782-1499 or fye@swmich.edu or the Academic Advising and Resource Center at 269-782-1303 or askanadvisor@swmich.edu.

Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students, working closely with their advisor, are permitted to substitute the courses in the General Education and MTA Courses section below according to the guidelines on page 35 of this catalog. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship/practicum, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of C or better.

Course Offerings

Students pursuing an Associate in Arts in General Studies may complete select courses for this program online. Courses within this program may also be offered on-site at our Dowagiac or Niles campus.

General Education and MTA Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104 or SPEE 102 or SPEE 104	Freshman English 3 or Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Intro to Human Communication	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 127 or MATH 128 or MATH 150 or higher level	College Algebra or Contemporary Mathematics or Statistics or higher level	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4 credits
GEOG 110	Physical Geography	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
ART 110 or MUSI 110	Art Appreciation or Music Appreciation	3 credits
HUMA 210	Intro to Non-Western Civilization	4 credits

Major-specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
SMC or Other College	Completion of enough other courses until 60 or more total credits are accumulated. Coursework can be from any field.	28 or more credits

Total Program Credits: 60

Additional Notes About the A.A. in General Studies Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites is listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined meets MTA requirements.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before they plan to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: English test score (Level 2 or higher) ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or English test score (Level 3); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
MATH 127 College Algebra or MATH 128 Contemporary Mathematics or MATH 150 Statistics or higher level	4 credits	See Course Description for details
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
General Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
GEOG 110 Physical Geography	4 credits	None
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3 or SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking or SPEE 104 Intro to Human Communication	3 credits	See Course Description for details
General Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
General Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
General Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
HUMA 210 Intro to Non-Western Civilization	4 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ART 110 Art Appreciation or MUSI 110 Music Appreciation	3 credits	See Course Description for details
General Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
General Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
General Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
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