



**Program Map**  
**2021-2022 College Credit Catalog**

# General Studies: General Studies in Arts

*General Studies in Arts Associate of Arts Degree (AA)*

**LIBERAL ARTS**

**Program Description:** The Associate of Arts in General Studies is designed as the equivalent of the first half of a Baccalaureate degree. However, students should be aware that this degree plan may not satisfy the requirements of a specific transfer university. Students should consult with an advisor or counselor to determine an appropriate course of study based on their chosen field of study and their preferred transfer institution.

The student must make a minimum grade of C in all Core Curriculum courses and have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher. Note that at least 25% of the credit hours applied towards the degree must have been taken at Austin Community College.

To satisfy Core Curriculum requirements, a course must be in the appropriate component area of the Core Curriculum at ACC or the institution at which it was taken.

A course may be used only once to fulfill degree requirements. Certain courses with significant curricular overlap may not both be applied towards the degree, as described in the catalog course descriptions.

*Use this Program Map to choose courses with your college advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

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**Pre-Degree Requirements, if applicable**

Program Specific	
Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses

<b>SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS</b>		
Communication (010)	CR	Advising Notes
2 courses from the Communication Component Area	6	
	<b>6</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Mathematics (020)		
1 course from the Mathematics Component Area	3	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Life and Physical Sciences (030)		
2 courses from the Life and Physical Sciences Component Area	6	
	<b>6</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Language, Philosophy & Culture (040)		
1 course from the Language, Philosophy and Culture Component Area	3	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Creative Arts (050)		
1 course from the Creative Arts Component Area	3	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
American History (060)		
2 courses from the American History Component Area	6	
	<b>6</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Government/Political Science (070)		
2 courses from the Government/Political Science Component Area	6	

	<b>6</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)		
1 course from the Social and Behavioral Sciences Component Area	3	
	<b>3</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Component Area Option (090)		
2 courses from the Component Area Option Component Area	6	<u>Note</u> : All first-time Austin Community College (ACC) students with fewer than 12 SCH of successful college credit must take the EDUC 1300 course in their first semester at ACC. All other students can choose a speech course from the Component Area Option (090) section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
	<b>6</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor</b>
Additional Requirements		
Any 18 hours of college level Arts and Science courses.	18	<u>Note</u> : Arts and Science courses from the Additional Requirements area may not be used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements. Courses need to be transferable and should be selected with the assistance of an advisor or counselor.
	<b>18</b>	<b>Program Semester Hours</b>
Total Program Hours: 60		

Refer to [catalog.austincc.edu/course-descriptions](https://catalog.austincc.edu/course-descriptions) for more information on courses in this program plan.

## Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts in General Studies provides a transfer pathway to a 4-year institution where students can earn a bachelor's degree. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

The General Studies degree plan covers the core curriculum; students can use this as the foundation for an array of 4-year degrees suited to their interests. Students in this program are encouraged to obtain information about the course requirements for at least two possible major from their desired 4-year institution and choose appropriate courses.

**Transfer Guides:** *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

**The University of Texas at Austin:** <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

**Texas State University:** <https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future-students/transfer/tpg.html>

**Texas A&M University:** <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

**Texas Tech University:** <https://catalog.ttu.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=996>

**The University of Texas at San Antonio:** <https://www.utsa.edu/advising/transfer/transfer-equivalency.html>

**The University of Houston:** <https://uh.edu/undergraduate-admissions/apply/transfer/transfer-equivalency-guides/>

**Reverse Transfer:** If you transfer to a four-year institution prior to graduating from ACC, you can still earn your associate degree through reverse transfer. More information on the reverse transfer process and requirements can be found at [www.austincc.edu/students/transfer-services/reverse-transfer](http://www.austincc.edu/students/transfer-services/reverse-transfer).

**Additional Transfer Resources:** ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, area of study advisor, and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

## Career Information

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### General Career Information:

General Studies program graduates may find they have an advantage over their peers, particularly in the field of business. The General Studies broader educational background is helpful where crucial, hard-to-teach skills like critical thinking, deep analysis, and reasoned judgment are needed. Careers in management, administration, and communication are perfect for a big-picture, adaptable learner. With the varied courses you take in many disciplines, the general studies program provides a unique opportunity to address many needs of organizations across industries, including government, healthcare, business, finance, and many more.

**Career Resources:** The ACC Career Services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their area of study advisor for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career exploration.