

# GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Division of Academics

## Program Mission

The General Studies program is designed to provide either a stand-alone 2-year General Studies degree or a general education transferable path onward to a 4-year degree. In either format, the purpose of our General Studies program is to provide a solid, cross-disciplinary foundation in both knowledge and skills to prepare students to be more well-rounded individuals as they navigate their communities and the society around them.

The Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree consists of 30 required credits in specific general education courses. The remaining 30 credits are electives which should be selected with consideration of your ultimate educational goal.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the General Studies Program will be able to:

- Communicate effectively by use of composition through writing and speaking and comprehension through reading and listening.
- Construct problem-solving strategies to model, interpret, and (or) communicate solutions to mathematical problems.
- Integrate concepts of the scientific nature of the world and the role of behavioral and natural sciences as it pertains to health and well-being.
- Examine significant ideas and achievements in literature, art, music, and media in order to evaluate the impact these forms of expression have in today's world.
- Analyze the diversity of the human experience through the practical applications of social, historical, cultural, economic, and political systems and apply to current events and in professional settings.
- Distinguish and apply credible sources of knowledge utilizing information literacy and research skills.

Student achievement related to Program Learning Outcomes is assessed systematically and results are made available on the Program Review webpage (<https://www.northshorecollege.edu/institutional-effectiveness/program-review/>).

## Campuses/Sites Offered:

- Southeastern Site (Hammond)

- Florida Parishes Campus (Greensburg)

- Hammond Area Campus (Hammond)

- Lacombe Campus (Lacombe)

- Livingston Campus (Walker)

- Sullivan Campus (Bogalusa)

## Associate of General Studies

The highest exit point in the General Studies program is the Associate of General Studies (AGS). Multiple exit points exist for this program and are outlined below.

The following criteria must be satisfied towards the completion of the Associate of General Studies (AGS):

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Certificate of General Studies</b>		<b>30</b>
General Education Core		
General Education Electives		
<b>Electives (see below)</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

## Certificate of General Studies

The following criteria must be satisfied towards completion of the Certificate of General Studies (CGS)

Code	Title	Hours
<b>General Education Core</b>		<b>15</b>
English Composition Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext">https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext</a> )		
Math Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext">https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext</a> )		
Natural Science Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext">https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext</a> )		
Behavioral Science Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext">https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext</a> )		
Humanities Elective ( <a href="https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext">https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext</a> )		
<b>General Education Electives</b>		<b>15</b>
English Composition Elective (3 hours)		
Fine Arts Elective (3 hours)		
Behavioral Science Elective (3 hours)		
Natural Science Elective (3 hours)		
General Education Elective (3 hours)		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

## Elective Courses (required towards completion of AGS):

The Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree consists of 30 required credits in specific general education courses identified above in the Certificate of General Studies. The remaining 30 degree credits are electives that should be selected with consideration of your ultimate educational goal. Any credit-bearing college-level course is applicable towards the elective course section of the AGS. Students should carefully choose electives collaboratively with an academic advisor.

If your ultimate goal is to transfer to a university, you are encouraged to review the NTCC University Transfer Pathways (<https://>

[www.northshorecollege.edu/programs/university-transfer/index/](http://www.northshorecollege.edu/programs/university-transfer/index/)) webpage for additional guidance on transferable courses and for information related to transfer agreements between NTCC and other universities.

Students who do not have a primary goal of university transfer or who are interested in developing a skillset in a health sciences or technical studies field should consider completing a Certificate of Technical Studies option within one of our many programs of study.

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## **Special Comments:**

- Anticipated program length for the completion of the highest level exit point is 2 years.
- Program requirements must be completed with a programmatic grade point average of 2.0 or higher and grade of "C" or higher in all applicable coursework.