

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:

- [Connect to Success Site \(SLU Campus; Hammond\)](#)
- [Florida Parishes Campus \(Greensburg\)](#)
- [Hammond Area Campus \(Hammond\)](#)
- [Lacombe Campus \(Lacombe\)](#)
- [Livingston Campus \(Walker\)](#)
- [Rayburn Correctional Center \(Angie\)](#)

• [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
Certificate of General Studies		30
General Education Core		
General Education Electives		
Elective Courses (listed below)		30
Total Hours		60

Certificate of General Studies

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

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core		15
	English Composition Elective (https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext)	
	Math Elective (https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext)	
	Natural Science Elective (https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext)	
	Behavioral Science Elective (https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext)	
	Humanities Elective (https://catalog.northshorecollege.edu/programs-study/#generaleducationcoretext)	
General Education Electives		15
	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)	
Total Hours		30

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 which 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. If your ultimate goal is to transfer to a university, it is recommended that you choose elective

credits, in consultation with an advisor, that will be transferable towards your intended major at the university.

Students may consider consulting the NTCC University Transfer Pathways (<https://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.

Concentrations:

Students may earn a concentration within the Associate of General Studies by completing 30 hours of elective coursework in the following subject areas:

- Criminal Justice Systems Studies
- Drafting and Design Technician
- Foundations of Information Technology
- Maritime Transportation
- Medical Assistant
- Paralegal Studies
- Patient Care Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Practical Nursing

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.