ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE-General Studies (AS-GEN)

Program Purpose

The Associate in Science degree is awarded to students completing a planned university-parallel program to meet the requirements of the first two years of a Bachelor of Science degree. Since Area V requirements vary with individual four-year institutions, students must obtain approved university parallel degree plans from the appropriate academic division advisors and/or Alabama Transfers. The primary purpose of Alabama Transfers (formerly STARS) is to simplify and streamline the transfer process for students moving between Alabama's public two-year and four-year colleges and universities. It ensures that students do not lose credit when transferring and helps them plan their coursework effectively. Associate in Science degrees contain general education core requirements. Since not all courses will satisfy these requirements in all programs, courses should be chosen from an approved degree plan to ensure they meet the requirements. The degree plan will also indicate the courses needed in addition to the general education core to complete the degree. Reid State utilizes DegreeWorks to monitor student degree plans. DegreeWorks is a web-based tool designed to help students and their advisors track academic progress toward degree completion. It provides a visual, interactive audit of a student's academic record, showing completed, in-progress, and outstanding requirements for their degree, major, minor, or certificate. The Planner function allows a student to work with an academic advisor to build a semester-by-semester plan for graduation.

Students in the Associate in Science in General Studies degree program usually transfer to a four-year institution in the Natural Sciences, the Professional Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Science, Business Administration, Nursing or other health-related fields.

Program Goals and Outcome Objectives

Goals

- Prepare students for successful transfer to four-year institutions.
- Provide a solid foundation in general education.

Outcomes

- Area I: Demonstrate effective communication skills.
- Area II and IV: Form reasoned judgments through analyzing, evaluating, interpreting, and synthesizing information.
- Area III: Apply quantitative and scientific reasoning to problem-solve.

Admission Requirements

Applicants to this program must complete the application procedures. Additionally, applicants must present official documentation of a high school diploma, or GED in accordance with the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees policy.

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MINIMUM CREDITS REQUIRED: 60-64 Semester Credit Hours

Length of Program: 6 Semesters of full-time attendance

		Theory	Lab	Internship	Contact	Credit
AREA I: WRITTEN COMPOSITION 6 hours						
ENG 101	English Composition I AND	3			3	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3			3	3
A REA II: HUMANITIES 9 hours *						
Students must complete at least 3 semester hours in Literature and at least three semester hours in the Arts.* * Students must complete a 6-semester-hour sequence either in Literature or in History. The sequences in Area II and IV in Literature and History need to follow the sequence requirements according to the student's major and transfer plans.*						
ENG 251	American Literature I AND/OR	3			3	3
ENG 252	American Literature II OR	3			3	3
ENG 261	English Literature I AND/OR	3			3	3
ENG 262	English Literature II OR	3			3	3
ENG 271	World Literature I AND/OR	3			3	3
ENG 272	World Literature II	3			3	3
REL 151	Survey of the Old Testament OR	3			3	3
REL 152	Survey of the New Testament OR	3			3	3
PHL 206	Ethics and Society	3			3	3
AREA II: FINE ARTS 3 hours						
ART 100	Art Appreciation OR	3			3	3
MUS 101	Music Appreciation OR	3			3	3
THR 120	Theatre Appreciation	3			3	3
AREA III: NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS 11 hours						
Students are required to complete one three-hour mathematics course and two natural science classes. Be sure to check the ALABAMA TRANSFERS site to determine if the transfer institution requires a Natural Science course sequence for the 8 hours.						
MTH 112 *MTH@*	Precalculus Algebra OR *Any MTH course above 112 (excluding MTH116)*	3 3			3 3	3 3
BIO 101	Introduction to Biology I AND/OR	3	1		5	4
BIO 102	Introduction to Biology II OR	3	1		5	4
BIO 103	Principles of Biology AND/OR	3	1		5	4
BIO 104	Principles of Biology II OR	3	1		6	4
PHS 111	Physical Science I AND/ OR	3	1		5	4
PHS 112	Physical Science II	3	1		5	4
AREA IV: HISTORY, SOCIAL, AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES 12 hours*						

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Students must complete at least three semester hours in History and at least six semester hours in other disciplines in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Social and Behavioral Sciences include, but are not limited to: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.*						
** Students must complete a 6-semester-hour sequence either in Literature or in History. The sequences in Area II and IV in Literature and History need to follow the sequence requirements according to the student's major and transfer plans.*						
HIS 101	Western Civilization I AND/OR	3			3	3
HIS 102	Western Civilization II OR	3			3	3
HIS 121	World History I AND/OR	3			3	3
HIS 122	World History II OR	3			3	3
HIS 201	United States History I AND/OR	3			3	3
HIS 202	United States History II	3			3	3
ECO 231	Principles of Macroeconomics	3			3	3
ECO 232	Principles of Microeconomics	3			3	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	3			3	3
PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3			3	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3			3	3
SOC 210	Social Problems	3			3	3
AREA V: Pre-professional, Pre-major, and Elective Courses 19-23 Hours*						
Courses appropriate to the degree requirements and major of the individual student and electives. *Students completing courses that have been approved for transfer by the AGSC and are appropriate to their major and/or degree program may transfer these courses with credit applicable to their degree program among two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Students must have 1-3 hours in an Orientation course and 3 hours in a Speech course.*						
REQUIRED COURSES 6 hours						
ORI 101	Orientation to College OR	2			1	1
ORI 105	Orientation and Student Success	3			3	3
SPH 106	Fundamentals of Oral Communication OR	3			3	3
SPH 107	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3			3	3
Students should select remaining elective hours from courses below or those approved for transfer by Alabama Transfers, Reid State Articulation Agreements, or the student's Transfer Guide from Alabama Transfers.						
ART 100	Art Appreciation	3			3	3
ART 203	Art History I	3			3	3
ART 204	Art History II	3			3	3
BIO 101	Introduction to Biology I	3	1		5	4
BIO 102	Introduction to Biology II	3	1		5	4
BIO 103	Principles of Biology	3	1		5	4
BIO 104	Principles of Biology II	3	1		6	4
BIO 120	Medical Terminology	3			3	3
BIO 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3	1		5	4
BIO 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3	1		5	4
BIO 220	General Microbiology	2	2		6	4
ENG 251	American Literature I	3			3	3

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ENG 252	American Literature II	3			3	3
ENG 261	English Literature I	3			3	3
ENG 262	English Literature II	3			3	3
		3			3	3
ENG 271	World Literature I	3			3	3
ENG 272	World Literature I	3			3	3
ECO 231	Principles of Macroeconomics	3			3	3
ECO 232	Principles of Microeconomics	3			3	3
HIS 101	Western Civilization I	3			3	3
HIS 102	Western Civilization II	3			3	3
HIS 121	World History I	3			3	3
HIS 122	World History II	3			3	3
HIS 201	United States History I	3			3	3
HIS 202	United States History II	1			1	1
HUM 299	PTK Honors Course	3			3	3
MTH100	College Algebra	3			3	3
MTH 110	Finite Mathematics	3			3	3
MTH 112	Precalculus Algebra	1-4			1-4	1-4
MTH@	*Any MTH course level 100 or above*	3	1		3	3
MUS 101	Music Appreciation	3	1		3	3
PED 100	Fundamentals of Fitness	3			5	4
PHS 111	Physical Science I	3			5	4
PHS 112	Physical Science II	3			3	3
POL 211	American National Government	3			3	3
PSY 200	General Psychology	3			3	3
PSY 210	Human Growth and Development	3			3	3
REL 151	Survey of the Old Testament	3			3	3
REL152	Survey of the New Testament	3			3	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3			3	3
SOC 210	Social Problems	3			3	3
SPH 116	Introduction to Personal Communication	3			3	3
THR 120	Theatre Appreciation					
Electives for Varsity Athletes Only						
PED 103	Weight Training (Beginning)		1		2	1
PED 104	Weight Training (Intermediate)		1		2	1
PED 118	General Conditioning (Beginning)		1		2	1
PED 119	General Conditioning (Intermediate)		1		2	1
PED 248	Varsity Basketball I		1		2	1
PED 249	Varsity Basketball II		1		2	1
PED 250	Varsity Basketball III		1		2	1
PED 251	Varsity Basketball IV		1		2	1
PED 252	Varsity Baseball I		1		2	1
PED 261	Varsity Baseball II		1		2	1
PED 262	Varsity Baseball III		1		2	1

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PED 263	Varsity Baseball IV		1		2	1
PED 253	Varsity Golf I		1		2	1
PED 268	Varsity Golf II		1		2	1
PED 269	Varsity Golf III		1		2	1
PED 270	Varsity Golf IV		1		2	1
PED 254	Varsity Softball I		1		2	1
PED 271	Varsity Softball II		1		2	1
PED 272	Varsity Softball III		1		2	1
PED 273	Varsity Softball IV		1		2	1
PED 257	Varsity Cheerleading I		1		2	1
PED 280	Varsity Cheerleading II		1		2	1
PED 281	Varsity Cheerleading III		1		2	1
PED 282	Varsity Cheerleading IV		1		2	1
PED 258	Varsity Volleyball I		1		2	1
PED 283	Varsity Volleyball II		1		2	1
PED 284	Varsity Volleyball III		1		2	1
PED 285	Varsity Volleyball IV		1		2	1
PED 292	Varsity E-Sports		1		2	1

*ENGINEERING EXCEPTIONS: For all engineering majors, the AGSC voted to allow the hour requirements in Area II to be reduced from 12 SH to 9 SH and in Area IV to be reduced from 12 SH to 9 SH. This reduction allowed for additional hours (6 semester hours) to be added to Area V for engineering majors so that required math and science courses could be taken prior to transfer that would meet national engineering accreditation standards (ABET). The ACCS has adopted this exception. Engineering students may take 9 hours in Area II, 9 hours in Area IV, and 25 to 29 hours in Area V