



Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies

Associate in Science Degree, Transfer program

Divisions of Communications & Humanities and Social Sciences & Social Services

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The General Studies program offers a maximum of electives and allows for development of a program to suit a unique career choice not met by any other program or allows for degree completion after several program explorations. For the undecided student, one of the other liberal arts and sciences programs is recommended.

By following a rigorous liberal arts and sciences curriculum, graduates will have developed capabilities in academic research and writing; an ability to apply scientific method and critical thinking skills to validate their own ideas and inquiries; sufficient math skills to deal with complex problems; an awareness and appreciation of living in a culturally, racially, and ethnically diverse society.

Since programs at transfer colleges vary greatly, it is essential that students meet early with their faculty advisor to select appropriate electives. The careful selection of electives will facilitate transfer and the completion of requirements at the transfer school.

The State University of New York (SUNY) requires students who intend to receive a bachelor's degree from a SUNY college to complete at least 30 credit hours in specific general education areas. Students in this program who plan to transfer to a SUNY college can meet 21 credits of the general education requirement. For more specific information about this requirement, refer to SUNY General Education Requirement on page 8 and see an advisor or Advising & Counseling Services for program assistance.

High school or equivalent preparation required: No special requirements.

Program Requirements

English (ENGL 1010-1020. By placement)*	6	Liberal Arts and Sciences electives	18
Mathematics (MATH 1110 or higher)*	3	(9 credit hours in upper-level courses) ¹	
Social Sciences elective	3	Free electives	24
Laboratory Science elective	3	Wellness	2
Humanities elective	3	Total hours	62

*Based on placement, students may be required to take ENGL 0950 and/or ENGL 0990 before taking ENGL 1010, and MATH 0960 before taking a math credit course.

Sample Sequence: intended as a guide for academic planning. It need not be followed exactly or completed in four semesters. The sequence of courses may vary from this sample depending on the student's intended eventual major.

First Semester

English	3
Social Sciences or Humanities elective	3
Mathematics elective	3
Free electives	6
Wellness (Awareness/Instructional Component)	1

Third Semester

Free electives	6
Liberal Arts and Sciences electives	9
Wellness (Activity Component)	0.5

Second Semester

English	3
Humanities or Social Sciences elective	3
Laboratory Science elective	3
Liberal Arts and Sciences elective	3
Free electives	3
Wellness (Activity Component)	0.5

Fourth Semester

Free electives	9
Liberal Arts and Sciences electives	6

¹Mathematics and Science upper-level courses are those math courses numbered 1120 or higher and those science courses numbered 1010 or higher. In other liberal arts disciplines, most upper-level courses are numbered 2000 or higher; they are noted as such in the course description.