

## Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in General Studies

**AREA:** General Studies

**DEGREE:** Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

**LENGTH:** Four semesters (two-year) program

**PURPOSE:** A significant number of college undergraduate students desire a more comprehensive two-year general degree program than the conventional curriculum. No declaration of a specialized major subject field in the general studies curriculum is required. The general studies curriculum is flexible. Some graduates satisfy their goals by completing the two-year program of general academic studies. Most general studies students plan to transfer to a four-year college or university as more specialized academic interests and aptitudes develop during the program of studies. The framework of academic standards for the associate of arts and sciences degree makes this possible.

**TRANSFER GUIDELINES:** The associate of arts and sciences degrees (AA&S) offered by LFCC provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. The AA&S degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts in the areas of English, health/physical education, humanities, mathematics, science and social science.

To help facilitate the transfer process, each state-supported college and most private colleges in Virginia produce a Virginia Community College Transfer Guide. These transfer guides provide specific information about the transferability of courses and/or programs to their respective institutions. Transfer guides can be obtained directly from the college of interest or can be referenced in the Office of Student Services on both the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses. Students may also download many Virginia transfer guides online at the address:  
<http://www.myfuture.vccs.edu/transfer/>.

Students should begin preparing for transfer as early as possible. Steps in this process include: making a career decision, identifying colleges which offer the intended program of study, examining available transfer guides and college catalogs, talking with transfer representatives, identifying program prerequisites, researching the academic competitiveness of the institutions and program under consideration, attending open house events offered by the colleges and exploring financial aid and housing opportunities.

LFCC offers many services and programs to assist the transfer student. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of their faculty advisor or counselor to gain

additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits
<b>First Semester</b>		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIS 111	History of World Civilization I (or HIS 121) <sup>1</sup>	3
MTH 151	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I (or MTH 163 or 271) <sup>2</sup>	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
	Science with laboratory <sup>3</sup>	4
	Approved elective <sup>4</sup>	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS 112	History of World Civilization II (or HIS 122) <sup>1</sup>	3
MTH 152	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts II (or MTH 164 or 271 or 272) <sup>2</sup>	3
	Science with laboratory <sup>3</sup>	4
	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
ENG	Literature I <sup>5</sup> ENG 241, 243 or 251	3
	Approved social science elective <sup>6</sup>	3
PED/HLT	Physical education (or health) <sup>7</sup>	2
	Approved humanities electives <sup>8</sup>	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
CST 100/110	Principles of Public Speaking	3
ENG	Literature II <sup>5</sup> (ENG 242, 244 or 252)	3
	Approved social science elective <sup>6</sup>	3
	Approved humanities electives <sup>8</sup>	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Program Total</b>	<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup>A full-year sequence of History of World Civilization or U.S. History is required.

<sup>2</sup>General studies is a transfer curriculum for students who are undecided about their major program of study. Students considering careers in information systems technology, business administration or science should satisfy the mathematics requirement with precalculus or higher level of math.

<sup>3</sup>A one-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology or physics is recommended; however, depending on the requirements of the four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.

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<sup>4</sup>ITE 115 will satisfy this requirement. Students are required to 1) complete a computer course such as ITE 115, or equivalent or 2) demonstrate proficiency in using a Windows-based operating system along with word processing, spreadsheet, database management, presentation and communication software by passing an LFCC computer competency exam. Students eligible for option two may select any appropriate elective and should consult academic advisors.

<sup>5</sup>A one-year sequence of literature is recommended.

<sup>6</sup>Students may select social science electives from the approved list on page 43.

<sup>7</sup>Students are encouraged to determine, with advisor help, transferability of health courses to specific four-year colleges.

<sup>8</sup>Students may select humanities electives from the approved listed on page 42.