

Certificate in General Education

AREA: General Education

DEGREE: Certificate

LENGTH: Two semesters (one-year) program

PURPOSE: First-time job seekers who come to their employers with basic writing, analytical reasoning, and computing skills find they can be more competitive in the job market and more valuable in the workplace. Counter and retail clerks, administrative support, social and human service assistants, and customer service positions, as well as a variety of other fields, allow individuals to apply their entry-level knowledge and skills while exploring the world of work and relevant career opportunities as well as identifying more specific career and educational goals. For those employees who wish to pursue their education, the general education certificate provides foundational courses that allow students to progress toward the associate degree or to transfer to a senior institution.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: Students in the General Education certificate program take courses which are the core of Liberal Arts and General Studies associate degree programs at Lord Fairfax Community College. Successful completion of the certificate will place students well on their way toward attainment of an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree and transfer to a four-year institution. The General Education Certificate program contains courses most often encountered in the first year of liberal arts college studies. Students are advised to become acquainted with the requirements of an associate degree program, as well as Requirements of a four-year transfer institution, and consult with their advisor to make careful selection of program courses and electives.

| Course # | Title | Credits |
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| First Semester | | |
| ENG 111 | College Composition I | 3 |
| HIS 111 | History of World Civilization I ¹ | 3 |
| MTH 151 | Mathematics for Liberal Arts I ² | 3 |
| | Transferable social science elective ³ | 3 |
| SDV 100 | College Success Skills | 1 |
| | Transferable science with Laboratory ⁴ | 4 |
| | Total | 17 |
| Second Semester | | |
| ENG 112 | College Composition II | 3 |
| HIS 112 | History of World Civilization II ¹ | 3 |
| CST 100 | Principles of Public Speaking | 3 |
| | Transferable science with laboratory ⁴ | 4 |
| | Transferable humanities elective ³ | 3 |
| | Total | 16 |
| | Program Total | 33 |

¹Students may choose HIS 121/HIS 122

²Students may choose MTH 151, MTH 163 mathematics course

³Students may select humanities and social science electives from the approved list on pages 42 and 43.

⁴Students may select a lab science sequence in biology, chemistry, geology or physics.