

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in General Studies

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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) and associate of science (AS) offered by LFCC are designed to provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. The AA&S and AS degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts.

To help facilitate the transfer process, LFCC has created an online 'Transfer Guide' that provides detailed information such as tuition, GPA, application requirements, course equivalents, and other information that may be useful in the transfer process. The transfer guide can be found at www.lfcc.edu/transfer. The Virginia Community College System also offers a Transfer Planning Tool on the Virginia Educational Wizard, which can be found at www.vawizard.org.

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 information and college catalogs, exploring Guaranteed Admissions and Transfer agreements, 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 an advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits
First Semester		
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
MTH	Mathematics Elective ¹	3
CST	Communication Elective ¹	3
ITE	Information Literacy Elective ¹	3
PED/HLT	Physical Education <u>or</u> Health	1
	Total	14
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
	Social Science Elective ¹	3
HIS	History Elective ¹	3
	Humanities Elective ¹	3
	Social Science Elective ¹	3
	Total	15
Third Semester		
ENG	Literature Elective ¹	3
	Social Science Elective ¹	3
	Approved Transfer Elective ^{1,2}	3
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	Science with Laboratory Elective ^{1,3}	4
	Total	16
Fourth Semester		
	Science with Laboratory Elective ^{1,3}	4
	Approved Transfer Elective ^{1,2}	3
	Approved Transfer Elective ^{1,2}	3
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	Total	16
	Program Total	61

¹Lists of approved electives can be found on page 42.

²Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate transfer course(s) to take at LFCC. For students intending to take more than one history course, a sequence beginning by taking HIS 101, 111, or 121 is preferred prior to 102, 112, or 122.

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