GENERAL STUDIES: A.A., A.S.

Our Associate in Arts or Associate in Science in General Studies is a 64 credit program that is designed to allow students with a variety of college credits and life experiences without a completed degree to quickly complete an associate degree and move into a bachelor’s degree program at the College. This is accomplished by maximizing transferrable credit and prior learning assessment, not requiring an area of concentration, and requires a minimum of 12 credits taken at SUNY Empire State College.

The broad approach of the program makes it possible for students to explore their academic interests without having to define a disciplinary focus, while laying a foundation for the next step in their educational path.

For more information about general undergraduate degree requirements, please visit Earning an Undergraduate Degree (http://catalog.esc.edu/undergraduate/earning-undergraduate-degree/).

This program allows for a maximum of 52 advanced standing credits with a minimum of 12 credits earned at SUNY Empire State College for a total of 64 credits.

Of these 64 credits, 30 must meet SUNY General Education requirements in a minimum of seven out of ten areas.

Students with a minimum of 48 Liberal Arts and Sciences courses will be awarded an Associate in Arts, while students with fewer than 48 but with a minimum of 32 Liberal Arts and Sciences courses will earn an Associate in Science degree.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Credits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Advance Standing Credits:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Maximum Advance Standing</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Minimum Residency Requirements:</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Required Course #1: Educational Planning</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Required Course #2: Elective</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Required Course #3: Elective</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Total Credits</strong></td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The educational objectives include:

- Students will be able to describe the breadth of their college level learning.
- Students will be able to fulfill the SUNY general education requirements in at least 7 content areas, with a minimum of 30 credits.
- Students will be able to document all required components of a completed degree plan.
- Students will be able to describe future academic and professional goals through Educational Planning.
- Students will examine potential college-level learning completed outside of a traditional college setting. (as appropriate)