

# Associate in General Studies Degree (A.G.S.)

## Degree Requirements

(Total Minimum Credits Required: 64)

Each candidate for an Associate in General Studies (A.G.S.) degree shall:

1. Select courses to complete the required credits from:
  - a. General education core requirement courses,
  - b. Coursework in the Global/ Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills category
  - c. Career/Technical Education courses, and
  - d. Additional coursework to a minimum of 64 credits.
2. Satisfactorily complete a minimum of 27 credits in General Education courses as specified below.
  - a. **Communication..... 9 credits**  
Written (6 credits) English 1101 and 1102  
Oral (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150
  - b. **Physical and Life Sciences ..... 3 to 5 credits**  
Select at least one course with a laboratory component.
  - c. **Mathematics ..... 3 to 5 credits**  
Select a minimum of 3 credits of 1000 level or higher except Mathematics 1102 and 1104 to meet general education requirements. Only one of the following three statistics courses will count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or 1431.
  - d. **Humanities and Fine Arts..... 6 credits**  
Select courses from at least two subject areas
  - e. **Social and Behavioral Sciences ..... 6 credits**  
Select courses from at least two subject areas
3. **Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills ..... 2 credits**  
Complete at least two credits from the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills category.
4. Select courses to complete the required minimum of 64 credits from general education courses, elective courses and Career/Technical Education courses to a maximum of 37 credits.
5. Satisfy graduation requirements for all associate's degrees.
6. Earn no more than 42 credits by demonstrated competence through the Advanced Placement Program (AP), designated course-specific subject examinations of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the College of DuPage Proficiency Through an Instructor Program.
7. Earn no more than 16 credits in courses numbered 1800 or 2800, 1840 or 2840, 1820 to 1829, and 2820 to 2829, or labeled as independent study, experimental/pilot, selected topics or field/experiential.
8. Earn no more than 4 credits in Physical Education activity courses.
9. Earn no more than 12 credits with a satisfactory/fail grade option.
10. Earn no more than 6 credits from History, the Humanities and Fine Arts, and the Social and Behavioral Science categories combined. Additional credits in History may be earned as elective credit.