

Curriculum Change Form
(Present only one proposed curriculum change per form)
(Complete only the section(s) applicable.)

Part I

(Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> New Course (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision (Parts II, IV) <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid Course ("S," "W") <input type="checkbox"/> Course Dropped (Part II) <input type="checkbox"/> New Program (Part III) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Revision (Part III) <input type="checkbox"/> Program Suspended (Part III)	Department Name <u>Psychology</u> College <u>Arts and Sciences</u> *Course Prefix & Number _____ *Course Title <u>(30 characters)</u> _____ *Program Title <u>Psychology Concentration in Associate General Studies</u> (Major __, Option __; Minor __; or Certificate __) *Provide only the information relevant to the proposal.	
Proposal Approved by: _____ Date _____ Date _____ Departmental Committee <u>9/15/09</u> Graduate Council* _____ <i>Is this a SACS Substantive Change? Yes**** <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></i> Council on Academic Affairs _____ College Curriculum Committee _____ Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disapproved _____ <u>4/15/10</u> General Education Committee* _____ Faculty Senate** _____ Teacher Education Committee* _____ Board of Regents** _____ Council on Postsecondary Edu.*** _____ *If Applicable (Type NA if not applicable.) **Approval needed for new, revised, or suspended programs ***Approval/Posting needed for new degree program or certificate program ****If "yes", SACS must be notified before implementation. Please contact EKU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness.		

Completion of A, B, and C is required: (Please be specific, but concise.)

A. 1. Specific action requested: Establish a Concentration in Psychology for the Associate of General Studies degree program A. 2. Effective date: Fall, 2010 A. 3. Effective date of suspended programs for currently enrolled students: (if applicable)	<p>B. The justification for this action: The 12 hours of course work in the proposed Psychology Concentration will provide students with a sound introduction to the discipline (through the two required courses, PSY 200 and PSY 250) and allow them to sample more specialized content suited to their academic and/or career interests. Since 200 and 250 are prerequisites for most upper division PSY courses, AGS graduates who elect to pursue the baccalaureate and major in Psychology will be on track for completing the remainder of the degree requirements with an additional four semesters of course work.</p> <p>C. The projected cost (or savings) of this proposal is as follows:</p> <p>Personnel Impact: None. All of the courses in the proposed concentration are currently offered.</p> <p>Operating Expenses Impact: None.</p> <p>Equipment/Physical Facility Needs: None.</p>
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Library Resources: Existing resources are adequate.

Part III. Recording Data for New, Revised, or Suspended Program

1. For a new program, provide the catalog description as being proposed.
2. For a revised program, provide the current program requirements using ~~striketrough~~ for deletions and *underlines* for additions.
3. For a suspended program, provide the current program requirements as shown in catalog. List any options and/or minors affected by the program's suspension.

New or Revised* Program Text

Associate Degrees

GENERAL STUDIES (A.G.S.)

CIP Code 24.0102

(A.G.S. Information currently listed in the online *Catalog Addendum*;
Will be listed in the 2010-11 *Undergraduate Catalog*, pg. 63)

The Associate of General Studies degree provides students, especially adult learners, the opportunity to pursue a flexible degree program to meet their unique interests, career goals, and academic needs. Reflecting ECU's commitment to a liberal arts education, the degree allows students to concentrate in an area of interest while selecting from a wide variety of courses to meet personal, educational, or career goals. This degree is designed for students who want to advance in their careers, change careers, pursue a lifelong interest beyond their careers, or use the degree as a pathway to a baccalaureate degree.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Associate of General Studies degree has become more attractive with the growth of business and industry in the area and with the increase of minimum educational requirements for employment or promotion. In addition to those students wishing to enhance their employability, other students will find the program offers numerous opportunities to seek a degree for their own personal satisfaction. The degree allows students to gain confidence in their abilities by earning a degree at the associate level prior to enrolling in a baccalaureate program. The associate degree provides opportunities for students who wish to consolidate previously earned credits to complete their first degree.

Serving students from a varied background of college readiness, this degree provides students a defined path to success in earning one or more degrees. Upon successful completion of ECU's Associate of General Studies degree, the student will have met all General Education requirements, which will apply toward a four-year program at ECU or any other regional Kentucky institution.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The program requirements for the Associate of General Studies are:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 semester credit hours of prescribed and elective college credit.
2. Earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on all college-level work taken at ECU. In addition, transfer students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 on the combined transfer work and ECU work.
3. Complete at least 24 semester hours at ECU.
4. Complete an orientation course if the student begins as a freshman or transfers to ECU with fewer than 24 credit hours
5. Complete 48 semester hours of general education requirements as shown below:

- Block 1. Communication (9 hours)
- Block 2. Mathematics (3 hours)
- Block 3. Arts and Humanities (6 hours)
- Block 4. Natural Sciences (6 hours)
- Block 5. Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)
- Block 6. Wellness (3 hours)
- Block 7. Breadth of Knowledge (6 hours)
- Block 8. Depth of Knowledge (6 hours)

6. Complete an approved 12-hour emphasis with an overall 2.0 GPA within an individual college outside of the General Education Requirement. (Students will be considered a member of the college in which they have completed their emphasis.)

The Associate of General Studies is intended to be a first degree and is not appropriate for a concurrent or secondary degree.

Psychology Concentration.....12 hours

Course Requirements.....

PSY 200 or 200W, and PSY 250 or 250W, plus six additional hours of PSY courses (excluding PSY 349, 402, and 403).

PSY 280 may count toward the concentration but will not count toward the B.S. Psychology degree major requirements. A minimum grade of "C" is required of all courses counted toward the concentration.