

TO: Council on Academic Affairs

FROM: M. Tina Davis, University Registrar

SUBJECT: Associate Degree General Studies (A.G.S.) *Catalog* Revision

DATE: 5/6/10

The Office of the Registrar submits the following items for your consideration, effective Fall 2010.

1. Associate Degree General Studies (A.G.S.) *Catalog* Revision

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

CIP Code: 24.0102

(Currently listed in the online 2009-10 *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 EKU’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 EKU’s Associate of General Studies degree, the student will have met all General Education requirements, which will apply toward a four-year program at EKU 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 EKU. In addition, transfer students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 on the combined transfer work and EKU work.
- 3. Complete at least 24 semester hours at EKU.
- 4. Complete an orientation course if the student begins as a freshman or transfers to EKU 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.

Major Requirements12 hours

Courses must be within an individual College and exclusive of general education requirements. The optional departmental concentration (see below) may be substituted for this area.

General Education Requirements48 hours

Standard General Education program. Refer to Section Four of this Catalog for details on the General Education and University requirements.

Optional Departmental Concentration.....minimum 12 hours

All courses are within one academic department and specified and approved through the University Council on Academic Affairs. Students with a declared departmental concentration will be advised by faculty of that department and will be officially affiliated with that department. The Concentration will be reflected on the student’s transcript.

University Requirement

GSO 100 (or GSD 101). May be waived for students with 24 or more transfer hours.

Minimum A.G.S. Curriculum Requirements.....60 hours

(Precise degree requirements will vary based upon concentration selected and student’s specific orientation course needs.)*

*Registrar’s Suggested Friendly Amendment