

## General Studies

### A.S. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2017-2018

The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree is designed for students who wish to create an individualized program in a specific academic area. Students may select courses that will facilitate their goal of transferring to a four-year college/university or begin a career. Students must complete the following: a. All first-time, full-time students must complete FYES155, First Year Experience Seminar, during their first year of enrollment. b. A minimum of 30 credits from the list of Approved General Education Courses. c. At least 18 credits from one academic area to satisfy the Department Concentration. d. Additional elective credits to meet the requirements for the degree (minimum of 64 cr.).

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#### Transfer Information

Students pursuing the General Studies degree can build a concentration in various areas in order to transfer into a wide range of degree programs, such as Science, Math, Health, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Business. Students are encouraged to work closely with Faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer [www.njtransfer.org](http://www.njtransfer.org).

#### Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to transfer to a four-year institution, where students will pursue a Bachelor's Degree. Some students pursue the Associate Degree for personal enrichment, and/or for employment purposes, helping to improve qualifications for jobs requiring a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with Faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC to help students explore degree programs and corresponding careers [ocean.emsicareercoach.com](http://ocean.emsicareercoach.com)

#### Recommended Courses

**Students interested in the Social Sciences (i.e., PSYC, SOC, ANTH):**

PSYC 172, SOC 181, ANTH 133, MATH 156

**Students interested in the Humanities: (i.e., ENGL, HIST, PHIL):**

HIST 171-174, PHIL 191, ART 181, MATH 151  
Foreign Language sequence, ENGL (200 level)

**Students interested in Math or Science:**

BIOL 161-162, CHEM 181-182, MATH 165\*

**Students interested in Business:**

ACCT 161-162, ECON 151-152, MATH 165\*

**Student interested in Computer Science:** CSIT 165, 166, MATH 165\*

\*Students proficient in algebra should take the College Level Math Test to determine placement into pre-calculus or calculus.

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

## Curriculum

Board of Trustees Approval Date: September 24, 2007

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Board of Trustees Approval Date: August 24, 2009

Board of Trustees Approval Date: December 6, 2010

Board of Trustees Approval Date: May 28, 2013

### General Education Core Requirements:

Communications	6 credits
_____ ENGL 151: English I	
_____ ENGL 152: English II	
Humanities	3 credits
_____ One (1) Humanities course selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses	
Social Science	3 credits
_____ One (1) Social Science course selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses	
Additional Humanities or Social Science Course	3 credits
_____ One (1) Humanities or Social Science course selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses	
Mathematics-Science-Technology	9 credits
_____ Students must select one math course, one lab science course and one technology*course from the list of Approved General Education Courses	
*Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course in math or lab science from the list of Approved General Education Courses.	
Additional General Education Courses	6 credits
_____ From the list of Approved General Education Courses	
_____ From the list of Approved General Education Courses	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION CREDITS: 30 cr.</b>	

### Program Requirement:

_____ FYES 155 First Year Experience Seminar* or Elective Credit	3 credits
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\* FYES 155, First Year Experience Seminar, is required for first-time, full-time students only. All other students may take FYES 155 or any 3 credit elective.

### Department Concentration:

Students must earn 18 credits from one academic area. Course prefixes for each area are listed below:

Business	BUSN, ACCT, LAAW, CSIT*, HRTM
Computer Science	CSIT*
Health & Phys. Ed.	HEHP, HHAW
Humanities	ARTS, ASLN, COMM, COPH, DANC, COEM, ENGL, FILM, COCG, HIST, HUMN, MUSC, PHIL, RELG, THTR, or any foreign language course
Math	MATH, PHYS
Science	BIOL, CHEM, ENVI, PHYS, SCIE
Social Science	ACAD, ALDC, ANTH, CRIM, ECON, EDUC, FIRE, GEOG, HLSC, HSRV, POLI, PSYC, SOCI

**TOTAL CONCENTRATION CREDITS: 18 cr.**

\*CSIT 110, 123 and 165 cannot be applied to this concentration.

**Elective Courses: Students must take elective credits to reach 64 credit hours.** For example, if the General Education requirements and Concentration requirement total 51 credits, students will need 13 elective credits to reach a total of 64 credits toward the degree.

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Board of Trustees Approval Date: December 7, 2015

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