

GENERAL STUDIES (A.A.)

<https://manchester.unh.edu/program/aa/general-studies>

Description

The associate of arts in general studies offers students academic flexibility in a program that combines the foundations of a liberal arts education and elective courses that satisfy personal interests. The A.A. in general studies is the first two years of a baccalaureate program, and all 400-level courses transfer to and fulfill the University's Discovery requirements. Students who earn an A.A. in general studies have a foundation for continued study in any major while they develop problem-solving skills, cognitive skills, and learning techniques that are vital to a lifetime of learning. Many students begin their college study in the A.A. general studies program. Depending on personal interests and academic goals, students may choose to apply to a baccalaureate degree program prior to completion of the A.A. degree.

Requirements

To graduate with an associate of arts degree in general studies, students must complete 64 credits, earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and fulfill two types of requirements: University Discovery Program and degree requirements. The program includes nine courses from the Discovery Program curriculum. Working with their advisors, students enhance their program of study with elective courses where they can explore their interests and possible baccalaureate degree majors. The last 16 hours of credit must be UNH courses completed following admission and matriculation, unless permission is granted to transfer part of this work from another institution.

Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Discovery Foundations		
Two writing-intensive courses, one of which must be:		8
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	
One course in quantitative reasoning (must be completed within the first 32 credits)		4
One Inquiry or Inquiry attribute course (must be completed within the first 25 credits)		4
Discovery Categories		
Two courses from two of the following categories (one must be a lab course):		8
Biological Science		
Physical Science		
Environment, Technology, and Society		
One course in Historical Perspectives		4
One course in World Cultures or Fine and Performing Arts		4
One course in Social Science		4
One course in Humanities		4
Completion of the Interdisciplinary Core Requirement (may also fill the Humanities category requirement)		4
HUMA 411	Humanities I	
or HUMA 412	Humanities II	
Elective courses		20
Total Credits		64

For more information, contact the [UNH Manchester Office of Admissions \(unhm.admissions@unh.edu\)](mailto:unhm.admissions@unh.edu) at (603) 641-4150.

Degree Plan

This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. UNH Manchester undergraduate

students will develop individual academic plans with their professional advisor during the first year at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
UMST 401 or UMST 402	First Year Seminar or Transfer Seminar	1
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	4
Elective		4
Discovery Course		4
Elective		4
Credits		17
Spring		
Quantitative Reasoning Course		4
HUMA 411 or HUMA 412	Humanities I or Humanities II	4
Discovery Course		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Second Year		
Fall		
Discovery Course		4
Discovery Course		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Spring		
Discovery Course		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		65

Student Learning Outcomes

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