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

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