

# GENERAL STUDIES (A.A.) MANCHESTER

<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.

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

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

**Minimum Credit Requirement:** 64 credits

**Minimum Residency Requirement:** 16 credits must be taken at UNH

**Minimum GPA:** 2.0 required for conferral\*

**Core Curriculum Required:** Discovery Program

Major, Option, and Elective Requirements as indicated.

\*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

### Major 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 core 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 credit hours must be UNH courses completed following admission and matriculation, unless permission is granted to transfer coursework from another institution.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Discovery Foundations</b>		
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
<b>Discovery Categories</b>		
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
<b>Completion of the Interdisciplinary Core Requirement (may also fill the Humanities category requirement)</b>	<b>4</b>
HUMA 411      Humanities I or HUMA 412      Humanities II	
<b>Elective courses</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>64</b>

## 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

#### First Year

Fall		Credits
UMST 401	First Year Seminar	1-2
or UMST 402	or Transfer Seminar	
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	4
Elective		4
Discovery Course		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17-18</b>

#### Spring

Quantitative Reasoning Course	4	
HUMA 411      Humanities I or HUMA 412      or Humanities II	4	
Discovery Course	4	
Elective	4	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Second Year

Fall		Credits
Discovery Course	4	
Discovery Course	4	
Elective	4	
Elective	4	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Spring

Discovery Course	4	
Elective	4	
Elective	4	
Elective	4	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

**Total Credits** 65-66

## Student Learning Outcomes

- 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.