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 (unhm.admissions@unh.edu) at (603) 641-4150.

### 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.

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### Sample Course Sequence

**First Year**

**Fall**

- UMST 401 or UMST 402: First Year Seminar or Transfer Seminar (1-2 credits)
- ENGL 401: First-Year Writing (4 credits)
- Elective (4 credits)
- Discovery Course (4 credits)
- Elective (4 credits)

**Credits:** 17-18

**Spring**

- Quantitative Reasoning Course (4 credits)
- HUMA 411 or HUMA 412: Humanities I or Humanities II (4 credits)
- Discovery Course (4 credits)
- Elective (4 credits)

**Credits:** 16

**Second Year**

**Fall**

- Discovery Course (4 credits)
- Discovery Course (4 credits)
- Elective (4 credits)
- Elective (4 credits)

**Credits:** 16

**Spring**

- Discovery Course (4 credits)
- Elective (4 credits)
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**Credits:** 16

**Total Credits:** 65-66

### Student Learning Outcomes

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