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 (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.

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

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 65-66

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.