

Associate of General Studies Degree Program

Students who choose to fulfill the following degree requirements will be eligible to receive the Associate of General Studies Degree. The Associate of General Studies Degree is earned by those students who complete up to half of their program in approved academic transfer courses and the remaining half in career and technical education and other academic elective courses.

The Associate of General Studies Degree recognizes those individuals who have completed a variety of courses in the institution without any specific major in mind. In some cases the AGS has been used in transfer to a four-year college or university.

Minimum Competency Standards for Program Admission

Students desiring to enroll in the Associate of General Studies degree program must meet or exceed the following entrance examination scores:

Otero Junior College uses the results of a basic skills assessment test (Accuplacer) to direct students into appropriate English, reading and mathematics course (s) and to advise students in the selection of other courses. Prior to enrollment, all new students must complete an assessment. Research on Colorado's basic skills assessment programs indicates that new students who follow assessment-related advice have a much higher rate of academic success. Colorado law now mandates that students who do not have the minimum test scores must complete the required basic skills coursework. Please refer to information in the Mandatory Basic Skills Assessment and Placement section of this catalog for exemptions to the BSAT test. (This skills assessment and placement applies to both degree and certificate programs.

The listing of a course or program in this or any other college publication does not constitute a guarantee, nor contract, that the particular course or program will be offered during the time listed. All courses or programs are subject to scheduling changes or cancellations. Every effort will be made to inform students of such changes and/or cancellations.

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Course Requirements

Required Semester Credit Hours

ENGLISH/SPEECH		3 Credits
BUS 217	Business Communication and Report Writing	3
ENG 115	Technical English and Communication	3
ENG 121, 122	English Composition I,II	3/3
ENG 221, 222	Creative Writing I,II	3/3
COM 115	Public Speaking	3
COM 217	Group Communications	3
COM 125	Interpersonal Communications	3

Required Semester Credit Hours

MATHEMATICS		3 Credits
MAT 106	Survey of Algebra	4
MAT 107	Career Math	3
MAT 121	College Algebra	4
MAT 122	College Trigonometry	3
MAT 125	Survey of Calculus	4
MAT 135	Introduction to Statistics	3
MAT 155, 156	Integrated Math I,II	3/3
MAT 201, 202	Calculus I,II	5/5

Required Semester Credit Hours

SCIENCE		3 Credits
AST 101, 102	Astronomy I,II	4/4
BIO 105	Science of Biology	4
BIO 111, 112	General College Biology I,II	5/5
BIO 201, 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology I,II	5/5
BIO 204	Microbiology	4
CHE 101, 102	Introduction to Chemistry I,II	5/5
CHE 105	Chemistry in Context	5
CHE 111, 112	General College Chemistry I,II	5/5
CHE 211, 212	Organic Chemistry I,II	5/5
GEY 111	Physical Geology	4
GEY 121	Historical Geology	4
HWE 100	Nutrition	3
PHY 105	Conceptual Physics	4
PHY 111, 112	Physics: Algebra Based	5/5
PHY 211, 212	Physics: Calculus Based	5/5

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		<u>Required Semester Credit Hours</u>
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES		3 Credits
ANT 101	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANT 107	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANT 111	Physical Anthropology	3
CRJ 230	Criminology	3
ECO 201	Principles of Macro-Economics	3
ECO 202	Principles of Micro-Economics.	3
GEO 105	World Regional Geography	3
HIS 101,102	Western Civilization I,II	3/3
HIS 201,202	United States History I,II	3/3
HIS 225	Colorado History	3
POS 105	Introduction to Political Science.	3
POS 111	American Government.	3
POS 125	State and Local Governments.	3
POS 188,288	Associated Student Government	1/1
POS 205	International Relations.	3
POS 225	Comparative Governments	3
PSY 101,102	General Psychology I,II	3/3
PSY 235	Human Growth and Development	3
PSY 238	Child Development	3
PSY 239	Adolescent and Adult Development.	3
SOC 101,102	Introduction to Sociology I,II	3/3

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HUMANITIES		3 Credits
ART 110	Art Appreciation	3
ART 111, 112	Art History I,II.	3/3
ART 121, 122	Drawing I,II.	3/3
ART 123, 124	Watercolor I,II	3/3
ART 125	Landscape Drawing.	3
ART 150	Digital Art Foundations.	3
ART 161, 162	Ceramics I,II.	3/3
ART 211, 212	Painting I, II	3/3
HUM 121,122,123	Humanities I,II,III	3/3/3
LIT 115	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT 178	Literature Thon.	1-3
LIT 201, 202	Masterpieces of Literature I,II	3/3
LIT 255	Children's Literature	3
PED 112	Conditioning Aerobics	1

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MUS 120	Music Appreciation	3
MUS 151, 152	Ensemble	1/1
PHI 111	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI 112	Ethics	3
SPA 111, 112	Spanish I,II	5/5
SPA 211, 212	Spanish III,IV	3/3
THE 105	Introduction to Theatre Arts	3
THE 111	Introduction to Acting	3
THE 211, 212	Development of Theatre I,II	3/3
THE 182, 183	Internship Theatre Production I, II	1-3

Required Semester Credit Hours

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

15 Credits

All courses listed above not used to meet the General Education requirements can be used as academic electives.

Required Semester Credit Hours

CAREER AND TECHNICAL / OTHER ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

30 Credits

The student may complete an additional 30 semester hours of career and technical education prefixed courses or other academic electives in order to satisfy this component of the degree program.

Academic Requirements

- A. Earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average from Otero Junior College.
- B. Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours at Otero Junior College.
- C. Complete a minimum of 60 semester hours as outlined in the above Course Requirements for the Associate of General Studies Degree.
- D. Complete the Application for Graduation form by the end of the first week of Spring semester and pay for the Cap and Gown by March 1.
- E. Be enrolled in Otero Junior College classes for the semester in which a student intends to graduate.
- F. Complete the requirements for graduation in effect at the time of first-time enrollment. (NOTE: Students who failed to be enrolled for two semesters or more will be required to complete all degree requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment.)
- G. Meet all financial obligations to the College.