

GENERAL STUDIES A.A. (TRANSFER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/general-studies/general-studies.aspx>)

Program Description

Designed for students who are exploring academic and career options that are not represented by another Frederick Community College program or who are undecided about their educational goals. Students who have a specific career or educational goal should consult with an academic advisor to select a degree program other than General Studies.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Integrate foundational concepts from across a wide variety of subjects, views, works, and authors.
- Identify personal, academic, and professional/career goals and strategies.
- Demonstrate college-level communication skills.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills.
- Demonstrate systems thinking about the ways in which individuals, groups, institutions, and societies interrelate.
- Demonstrate quantitative problem solving.
- Apply scientific reasoning.
- Demonstrate technological competence.
- Interpret and apply academic, professional, and civic ethics.
- Generate informed critical responses to the visual, performing, and literary arts and to the human values expressed in all art forms.
- Demonstrate cultural competence.

Program Requirements

- Students must complete their credit **English and Mathematics** within the first 24 credits.
- One course must meet the cultural competence graduation requirement (<https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural>).
- **CORE: The General Education CORE** is that foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>
- In some General Education categories (Mathematics, Biological & Physical Sciences), a 4-credit course selected from the GenEd course list will satisfy the requirement in place of a 3-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting these courses.
- For the Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition requirement, a 3-credit PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course may satisfy the requirement in place of a 1-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting this course.
- Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 101 English Composition.
- Students must complete a minimum of nine credits at the 200-level.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|------------------------------------|---------|
| English | | |
| ENGL 101 | English Composition | 3 |
| Mathematics | | |
| Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) | | 3 |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences | | |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) - select two courses from different disciplines | | 6 |
| Arts & Humanities | | |
| Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts) | | 3 |
| Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities) | | 3 |
| Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication) | | 3 |
| Biological & Physical Sciences | | |
| Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) | | 3 |
| Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) (Lab course) | | 4 |
| General Education Required Elective | | |
| Open General Education Elective | | 3 |
| Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement | | |
| Select one PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course | | 1 |
| Departmental Requirements | | |
| ACCE 111 | Student Success Seminar | 3 |
| or HONR 101 | Honors Academic Engagement Seminar | |
| Open Electives ¹ | | 25 |
| Total Credits | | 60 |

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Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting their electives.

Transfer Note

For more information on careers and transfer, contact the Career and Academic Planning Services office at 301.846.2471 or visit Transfer Services (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/counseling-advising/transfer-services.aspx>).

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

| Recommended First Semester | | Credits |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| ACCE 111 | Student Success Seminar | 3 |
| or HONR 101 | or Honors Academic Engagement Seminar | |
| ENGL 101 | English Composition ¹ | 3 |
| Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) | | 3-4 |
| Communication Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#communication) | | 3 |
| Elective ² | | 3 |
| Meet with an academic advisor to evaluate your academic, career, and transfer plans. | | |
| Credits | | 15-16 |
| Recommended Second Semester | | |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) | | 3 |

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| Humanities Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#humanities) | 3 |
| Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) (Lab course) | 4 |
| Required advising meeting (by completion of 24 program credits). Meet with an academic advisor to evaluate your academic, career, and transfer plans. | |
| Elective ² | 3 |
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| Credits | 16 |
| Recommended Third Semester | |
| Arts Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#arts) | 3 |
| Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) (in a different discipline from first) | 3 |
| Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) | 3-4 |
| Elective ² | 3 |
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| Credits | 15-16 |
| Recommended Fourth Semester | |
| Elective ² | 3 |
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| Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement | 1,3 |
| Elective ² | 3 |
| Elective (credits may vary to fulfill 60 credits for degree) ² | 4 |
| Credits | 14-16 |
| Total Credits | 60-64 |

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Take this course within the first 24 credits.

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Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.