

Associate in General Studies (GEST.AGS)

This pre-baccalaureate degree is an interdisciplinary program adapted to a student's needs, interests and capabilities.

NOTE: Only courses with a 2.0 or better transfer to most four-year colleges and universities. If students want to complete the Michigan Transfer Agreement, they need to plan their courses carefully. Completion of the Associate in General Studies degree does not guarantee the Michigan Transfer Agreement designation.

Minimum credits: 60

Minimum grade in all courses: 2.0

Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0

Minimum Jackson College credits: 15

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35-42 CREDITS)

GEO 1: Write clearly, concisely and intelligibly (6 credits)

Take the following:

ENG 131 Writing Experience I

Choose one of the following:

ENG 132 Writing Experience II

ENG 201 Advanced Composition

ENG 232 Technical & Business Writing

GEO 2: Recognize the importance of effective communication in a dynamic and changing society (3 credits)

Choose one of the following:

COM 231 Communication Fundamentals

COM 240 Interpersonal Communication

COM 250 Intercultural Communication

HIS 211 Minority Groups in America

HUM 131 Cultural Connections

PHL 243 Great World Religions

PLS 262 International Relations

PSY 152 Social Psychology (or SOC 152 Social Psychology)

SOC 246 Marriage & Family

GEO 3: Demonstrate computational skills and mathematical reasoning (4-5 credits)

Take the following:

MAT 130 Quantitative Reasoning (or higher)

GEO 4: Demonstrate scientific reasoning (4-5 credits)**Choose one of the following:**

BIO	110	Introductory Biology
BIO	132	Human Biology
BIO	158	Environmental Science
BIO	161	General Biology I
BIO	162	General Biology II
BIO	220	Microbiology
BIO	231	General Botany
BIO	232	General Zoology
BIO	253	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
CEM	131	Fundamentals of Chemistry
CEM	141	General Chemistry I
GEL	109	Earth Science
GEL	160	Introduction to Geology
NSC	131	Contemporary Science
NSC	140	Contemporary Climate Science
NSC	141	Scientific Inquiry (Must be taken with NSC 141L for laboratory component)
PHY	131	Conceptual Physics
PHY	151	Astronomy
PHY	231	College Physics I
PHY	251	Modern University Physics I

GEO 5: Understand human behavior and social systems, and the principles which govern them (3-4 credits)**Choose one of the following:**

ECN	231	Macroeconomics
ECN	232	Microeconomics
HIS	120	Ancient History
HIS	125	African American History
HIS	131	Western Civilization to 1555
HIS	132	Western Civilization 1555 to Present
HIS	231	Development of the US through the Civil War
HIS	232	Development of the US from the Civil War
HIS	235	20th Century History
PLS	141	American National Government
PSY	130	General Psychology
PSY	152	Social Psychology
PSY	245	Infancy and Childhood
PSY	251	Abnormal Psychology
PSY	252	Developmental Psychology
PSY	256	Educational Psychology
PSY	290	Human Sexuality
SOC	152	Social Psychology
SOC	231	Principles of Sociology
SOC	246	Marriage and Family

**GEO 6: Identify artistic, linguistic, and theoretical perspectives across the human experience
(3 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

ART	111	Art History: Prehistoric to 1400
ART	112	Art History: Renaissance to Present
ENG	210	Film in Literature
ENG	246	Short Story & Novel
ENG	247	Poetry & Drama
ENG	249	African-American Literature
ENG	252	Shakespeare
ENG	254	Children's Literature
ENG	255	American Literature – 19th Century
ENG	256	American Literature – 20th Century
ENG	261	Creative Writing
HUM	131	Cultural Connections
MUS	130	Music of Non-Western Cultures
MUS	131	Understanding Music
MUS	132	History of American Popular Music
MUS	151	Music Theory I
MUS	152	Music Theory II
PHL	231	Introduction to Philosophy
PHL	243	World Religions
SPN	131	Elementary Spanish I
SPN	132	Elementary Spanish II
SPN	231	Intermediate Spanish I
SPN	232	Intermediate Spanish II
THR	116	Introduction to Theatre
WRL	102	Portuguese Conversation I
WRL	103	Portuguese Conversation II
WRL	104	Mandarin I
WRL	105	Mandarin II

ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Choose at least 6 credit hours from two of the following four areas: Natural Science, Social Science, Humanities and Communication.

NATURAL SCIENCE

Must be a different course than taken for GEO 4.

Non-laboratory Science Courses:

BIO	140	Public Health and Disease
PHY	150	Concepts in Astronomy

LAB SCIENCE COURSES:

BIO	110	Introductory Biology
BIO	132	Human Biology

BIO	158	Environmental Science
BIO	161	General Biology I
BIO	162	General Biology II
BIO	220	Microbiology
BIO	231	General Botany
BIO	232	General Zoology
BIO	253	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
CEM	131	Fundamentals of Chemistry
CEM	141	General Chemistry I
GEL	109	Earth Science
GEL	160	Introduction to Geology
NSC	131	Contemporary Science
PHY	131	Conceptual Physics
PHY	151	Astronomy
PHY	231	College Physics I
PHY	251	Modern University Physics I

SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSES:

Must be a different course than taken for GEO 5.

ECN	231	Macroeconomics
ECN	232	Microeconomics
HIS	120	Ancient History
HIS	131	Western Civilization to 1555
HIS	132	Western Civilization 1555 to Present
HIS	231	Development of the US through the Civil War
HIS	232	Development of the US from the Civil War
HIS	235	20th Century History
PLS	141	American National Government
PSY	140	Introduction to Psychology
PSY	152	Social Psychology
PSY	245	Infancy and Childhood
PSY	251	Abnormal Psychology
PSY	252	Developmental Psychology
PSY	290	Human Sexuality
SOC	152	Social Psychology
SOC	231	Principles of Sociology

HUMANITIES COURSES:

Must be a different course than taken for GEO 6.

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ART	112	Art History: Renaissance to Present
ENG	210	Introduction to Film
ENG	242	Sports in Film and Literature
ENG	246	Short Story & Novel
ENG	247	Poetry & Drama
ENG	249	African-American Literature
ENG	252	Shakespeare
ENG	254	Children's Literature

ENG	255	American Literature – 19th Century
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THR	116	Introduction to Theatre

COMMUNICATION COURSES:

Must be a different course than taken for GEO 2.

COM	231	Communication Fundamentals
COM	240	Interpersonal Communication
COM	250	Intercultural Communication
HIS	211	Minority Groups in America
HUM	131	Cultural Connections
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Additional courses** so that total degree equals 60 credits.

Plan to see an academic advisor to discuss requirements for your selected program of study.

**Courses identified as remedial or developmental cannot be used as credits toward degrees or certificates. These courses currently include: CIS 090, 095; ENG 080, 085, 090, 091, 101, 102, 109, 110; MAT 019, 020, 030, 031, 033, 035 039; MTH 090, 095, 098, 100, and 110; and, MTT 009.

Additional courses excluded from credits toward degrees and certificates are continuing education courses (prefix CCE, CED, CEU, CFO, CJT, CSS, ESL, LTL) and courses offered through Jackson College's workforce training programs (prefixes JTI, PDI).