

# GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS OR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE:

**Area I: Written Composition I and II .....6 Credit Hours**

**Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts .....12 Credit Hours**

- \*Must complete 3 semester hours in Literature.
- Must complete 3 semester hours in the Arts.

**Area III: Natural Science and Mathematics .....11 Credit Hours**

- Must complete 3 semester hours in Mathematics at the Precalculus Algebra or Finite Math Level.
- Must complete 8 semester hours in the Natural Sciences which include Laboratory Experiences.

In addition to Mathematics, disciplines in the Natural Sciences include Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science.

**Area IV: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences .....12 Credit Hours**

- \*Must complete 3 semester hours in History.
- Must complete at least 6 semester hours from among other disciplines in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Social and Behavioral Sciences include, but are not limited to, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

**Area I – IV: Minimum General Education Requirements .....41 Credit Hours**

**Area V: Pre-Professional, Pre-Major, and Elective Courses ..... \*\* 19 – 23 Credit Hours**

- Courses appropriate to degree requirements and major of the individual student and electives.

Students completing courses that have been approved for the General Studies Curriculum and are appropriate to their major and/or degree program may transfer these courses with credit applicable to their degree program among two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

**Area I – V: General Studies Curricula ..... \*\* 60 – 64 Credit Hours**

- \* Must complete a 6 semester hour sequence in either Literature or History. The sequence in Area II and Area IV in Literature or History needs to follow the sequence requirement according to the student's major and transfer plans.

- \*\* Respective program of study for baccalaureate degrees at Alabama public universities range from 120 to 128 semester credit hours in length.

Dependent upon the total hours allocated for the bachelor's degree, institutions in The Alabama College System will be authorized to provide only 50 percent of that total (60 – 64).

## ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE:

**Area I: Written Composition I and II .....3 – 6 Credit Hours**

**Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts .....3 – 6 Credit Hours**

In addition to Literature, disciplines include, but are not limited to, Art, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Spanish and Theater.

An additional three hours are required in Speech .....3 Credit Hours

Requirements Prescribe: Minimum of 9 hours in Area I and Area II which could include 6 hours in Written Composition I and II and 3 hours in Area II; or 3 hours in Written Composition I and 3 hours in Technical Writing and 3 hours in Area II; or 3 hours in Area I and 6 hours in Area II; or 3 hours in Area I and 3 hours in Speech in Area II, plus 3 additional hours in Area I or II.

**Area III: Natural Science and Mathematics .....9 – 11 Credit Hours**

In addition to Mathematics, disciplines in the Natural Sciences include Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Physical Science.

Requirements Prescribe: Distributed in Mathematics (100 or above) or Science or Computer Science. Minimum of 3 hours in Mathematics is required.

One Computer Science course is required.

**Area IV: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences .....3 – 6 Credit Hours**

In addition to History, the Social and Behavioral Sciences include, but are not limited to, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

**Area I – IV: Minimum General Education Requirements .....18 – 29 Credit Hours**

**Area V: Maximum General Education Core, Technical Concentration, and Electives .....47 – 58 Credit Hours**

Courses appropriate to degree requirements, occupational or technical specialty requirements, core courses, and electives.

**Area I – V: General Studies Curricula .....76 Credit Hours**

**Semester Credit Hour Range of Award .....60 - 76**