

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS OR ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE:

Area I: Written Composition I and II6 Credit Hours

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts12 Credit Hours

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

Area III: Natural Science and Mathematics11 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 Sciences12 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 Requirements41 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 II3 – 6 Credit Hours

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts3 – 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 Speech3 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 Mathematics9 – 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 Sciences3 – 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 Requirements18 – 29 Credit Hours

Area V: Maximum General Education Core, Technical Concentration, and Electives47 – 58 Credit Hours

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

Area I – V: General Studies Curricula76 Credit Hours

Semester Credit Hour Range of Award60 - 76