

## **ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE 203 (60 Credit Hours) A.G.S.**

The Associate in General Studies (A.G.S.) degree is customized to meet the unique needs of students with objectives that are different than those of the transfer degrees or the occupational degrees. It is an alternative degree for those students who are undecided about future education or career goals or who need a 60 credit hour degree comprising 20 credit hours in general education and 40 credit hours in program electives.

The A.G.S. is not designed for transfer to a four-year college or university. The general education requirements for the A.G.S. do not fulfill IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core Curriculum guidelines. While other universities may accept credit earned toward the A.G.S. degree, no articulation agreements guaranteeing that the student will enter a Bachelor's Degree program with junior standing has been established. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should consider a major area of concentration in either the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science transfer degrees.

***Students are required to meet with a College Advisor for assistance in choosing mutually agreed upon courses that will satisfy their academic goals.***

<b>I.</b>	<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS*</b> <i>(Selection of courses must be taken in each academic discipline, A-D.)</i>	<b>20 Credit Hours (minimum)</b>
	<b>A. COMMUNICATIONS</b> English 101 <b>Required</b>	
	<b>B. FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**</b> <i>Select any two courses from the following disciplines:</i> African-American Studies, Art, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Humanities, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Religion, Theater Art	
	<b>C. MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE</b> <i>Select any two courses from the following disciplines:</i> Astronomy, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Oceanography, Physical Science, Physics, Zoology	
	<b>D. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**</b> <i>Select any two courses from the following disciplines:</i> Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology	
<b>II.</b>	<b>REQUIRED PROGRAM ELECTIVES</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours Required for A.G.S.</b>	<b>60</b>

*\* The courses listed in Section I, General Education Requirements, are transferable courses either through IAI approval, signed form 13 articulation agreements, or they satisfy equivalency status in compliance with ICCB guidelines.*

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To fulfill the requirements for the A.G.S. degree, at least one course in General Education must meet the State of Illinois' Human Diversity requirement. Students should select a minimum of one course from the IAI approved courses shown on pages 31-37 with the "D" and "N" designations from the Humanities & Fine Arts and Social & Behavioral Sciences. The "D" is for courses designed specifically to examine aspects of human diversity within the United States. The "N" is for courses designed specifically to examine aspects of human diversity from a non-U.S./non-European perspective, or courses designed specifically to examine aspects of human diversity from a non-Western perspective. Further information regarding Human Diversity may be viewed on the IAI website as follows:

<http://itransfer.org/iai/gened/Default.aspx?section=students&p=h>

<http://itransfer.org/iai/gened/Default.aspx?section=students&p=s>

In addition to the IAI approved Human Diversity courses referenced above, other ICCB approved transfer courses will also fulfill the HD requirement: Fine Arts 106, Humanities 145, 210, 213, 214, Linguistics 104, Literature 125, 132, 137, 153, Music 200, History 114, 115, 116, 118, 170, 212, 216, Political Science 211, Psychology 209, Social Science 110, 221, Social Services 204, Sociology 209, 210, 241, 280

*Note: Some courses may not be offered every semester. Thus, students should select their courses with consultation from a college Academic Advisor or Department Chairperson at the CCC College from where the student will take courses. Students should obtain the course schedule each academic term or semester which can be downloaded from the CCC website at: <http://www.ccc.edu>.*