

General Studies

Degree Type

Associate in Science

The Associate in Science in General Studies degree program is designed for students who wish to pursue a flexible degree plan tailored to their specific educational or career goals. Students pursue the General Studies degree to acquire new skills, to upgrade their current occupational skills, to apply previously earned credits and complete a credential or to build a foundation for further education.

The General Studies program may be appropriate for students who:

- Have earned a variety of college credits and want to complete a degree
- Wish to sample various course offerings within degree programs to help guide their future
- Have career goals that cannot be met through another degree program

Since the General Studies degree plan is developed around individual career goals, prospective students must meet with the General Studies Program Coordinator to establish a program of study.

Residency Requirements

At least 15 semester credits must be taken at Nashua Community College not including transfer credits. A minimum of 8 credits of coursework in the program must be completed at the “200” level.

Admission Requirement

Applicants must:

- Be high school graduates or have the GED equivalent.
- Submit an application for admission and have official transcripts forwarded to Nashua Community College by secondary and post-secondary institutions previously attended.
- Participate in the ACCUPLACER® Placement Assessment test when appropriate.

At the completion of the degree in General Studies, graduates will be able to:

1. Articulate an understanding of the importance of lifelong learning.
2. Use contemporary information technology to locate, evaluate and utilize information for an intended purpose.
3. Express oneself clearly and cogently, through written and oral communication.
4. Employ both qualitative and quantitative reasoning to solve problems.
5. Apply logical, critical, ethical, and creative thinking to analyze problems, evaluate alternative solutions, and make decisions.
6. Integrate and apply the fundamental processes of scientific inquiry, social sciences, and arts and humanities.

In addition, the graduate will be able to demonstrate competency in the general education outcomes.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 60 credits is required for graduation to be distributed in the following manner:

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
	Specialty and Support Courses			33
ENGL101N	College Composition	4	0	4
	English/Communications Core and Elective Requirements			3
	Science Core Requirement			4
	Behavioral Social Science or History/ Political Science			3
	Quantitative Literacy			4
	Humanities/Fine Arts/Philosophy or Global Awareness			3
	Open Elective			3
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	Total Credits			60