

# Associate of General Studies (AGS)

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**ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES (AGS) Role Descriptions:** The General Studies Program is designed to meet the needs of students wanting to focus their studies in an area of personal choice across multiple disciplines.

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** Learning experiences in this program are designed to assist the student in realizing the following outcomes:

1. Read and critically interpret text (written, visual, digital); process content and context to construct meaning.
2. Communicate clearly and effectively through verbal, written, visual, and quantitative expressions.
3. Engage in creative inquiry and expression.
4. Solve problems using science, math, and technology.
5. Draw from multiple disciplines in order to understand the human condition.
6. Contribute as a member of the local community with a cultural and historical understanding of the northwest region in a global context.
7. Bring an understanding of the value of diversity to the community, the workplace, and the home; learn from different cultures, belief systems, and life styles.
8. Investigate, interpret, and communicate ideas about both natural and cultural landscapes.
9. Develop habits and skills that lead to the accomplishment of goals.
10. Seek out and engage in lifelong learning opportunities that broaden perspective, deepen understanding, and increase personal fulfillment.

The Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree provides students flexibility in using a variety of college-level courses (generally 100-level or above) to design a two-year degree program in broad interdisciplinary areas. These courses can come from general education, academic, or collegiate-level professional-technical courses found in this catalog to the meet Clatsop Community College's associate degree requirements.

The AGS is tailored to your needs and interests while maintaining high general education standards. Students will need to work closely with an academic advisor at Clatsop in designing their individual degree plan of study. At least 24 of the credits earned for the AGS must be taken at Clatsop Community College.

**Please note:** students planning to transfer to a public four-year institution within Oregon should complete the AA/OT degree (found on page 24), which is articulated statewide with the Oregon University System four-year colleges and universities.

**Complete 36 credits** or more from a cluster of related courses you and your adviser identify. Student should identify the cluster of courses as soon as possible after enrollment, but no later than the term prior to the term in which he/she plans to graduate.

## Complete the General Education Requirements:

**Writing: Six credits** (two classes) with a C or better in each class from the following:

- a. WR 121 English Composition *and*
- b. Either WR 122, 123 English Composition; WR 227 Technical Report Writing; BA 214 Business Communications.

**Mathematics: Four credits**, with a C or better, in MTH 65 Mathematics for the Applied Sciences or MTH 95 Intermediate Algebra or a higher numbered math course.

**Humanities and/or Social Science: Six credits** of Humanities and/or Social Science courses from the Arts and Letters and Social Science lists on pages 36 & 37.

## Institutional Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 90 credits of approved coursework which includes alpha-numeric courses and non-transfer courses numbered 9.000-9.999.
- Have earned a "C" grade or better on all coursework transferred from other accredited colleges and universities that is to be included in a Clatsop Community College degree or certificate.
- Earn a grade point average of 2.00 or above for all Clatsop Community College coursework.
- Apply no more than a maximum of 24 credits of pass grades toward an Associate Degree.
- Complete at least 24 credits at Clatsop Community College.