

Oxnard College General Education Requirements

Applies to Associate Degrees in General Studies Pattern I & All A.A./A.S. Degrees in Specific Majors

All Students pursuing the Associate Degree (A.A.) in General Studies Pattern I, must complete this General Education plan in its entirety as part of their degree requirements. Students pursuing the A.A. in General Studies Patterns II and III have their own General Education patterns to complete. Students completing an Associate Degree in a specific major (A.A./A.S.) listed on page 52 (for example: Addictive Disorders Studies or Paralegal Studies) must complete areas 1-5 below (but not 6) of this General Education plan. Area 6 is only required for General Studies majors. A minimum of 60 units is required for the Associate Degree. See page 51 for all degree requirements.

1. **NATURAL SCIENCES** *(A minimum of 6 semester units with ONE course from the Biological Science and ONE course from the Physical Science sections)*
 - a. **Biological Science:** ANAT R101; ANTH R101, R101H, R101L, R118; BIOL R100, R100L, R101, R101H, R101L, R120, R120L, R122, R122L, R155, R155L, R170; ESRM R100; MICR R100, R100L; MST R100, R100L, R122, R190, R195; PHSO R101; PSY R105
 - b. **Physical Science:** AST R101, R101L; CHEM R104, R110, R112, R120, R122, R130, R132; ESRM R160; GEOG R101, R101L, R103; GEOL R101, R101L, R103, 103L, R114, R114L, R121, R130; MST R103, R103L, R160; PHSC R170; PHYS R101, R101L, R102, R102L, R121, R122, R131, R132, R133
2. **SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES** *(a minimum of 6 semester units with ONE course from American History/Institutions and ONE course from Social and Behavioral Sciences)*
 - a. **American History/Institutions:** CHST R107; HIST R107, R108, R117, R130, R130H, R140, R140H; POLS R100, R101, R102
 - b. **Social and Behavioral Sciences:** ANTH R102, R102H, R103, R105, R106, R107, R110, R111, R111H, R113, R114, R115, R116, R118, R119; ASL R110; BRS R101; CHST R101, R107; ECE R102, R106, R108; ECON R100, R101, R102; EDU R122; FTVE R100; GEOG R102, R104, R105; GLST R101, R102; HIST R104, R107, R108, R109, R110, R117, R122, R124, R125, R125H, R126, R130, R130H, R140, R140H, R150, R150H, R160, R160H; IDS R102; PHIL R109, R114; POLS R100, R101, R102, R104, R105, R108, R125, R125H; PSY R101, R101H, R102A, R104, R107, R108, R110, R111, R131, R135; SJS R110, R120, R130; SOC R101, R101H, R102, R103, R104, R105, R106, R108, R110, R111, R114, R116, R118; URBS R101
3. **HUMANITIES** *(a minimum of 6 units with ONE course from Fine/Performing Arts and ONE course from the Humanities section)*
 - a. **Fine/Performing Arts:** ART R101, R102, R103, R104A, R106A, R140, R171, R172; COMM R105, R109; FTVE R107, R130, R135, R155; MUS R101, R103A, R116, R130; THTR R111, R151
 - b. **Humanities:** ASL R101, R102, R103, R104; ENGL R102, R102H, R103, R104, R105, R107, R108, R111, R112, R124, R125, R130; FTVE R100, R110; HIST R109, R117, R126, R150, R150H, R160, R160H; IDS R101A, R101B, R110; PHIL R101, R101H, R102, R102H, R103, R104, R105, R106, R108, R110, R114, R115, R115H, R116; SPAN R101, R102, R103, R104, R117, R118, R140, R141
4. **LANGUAGE & RATIONALITY** *(a minimum of 6 semester units with ONE course from English Composition and ONE course from the Communication/Analytical Thinking section)*
 - a. **English Composition:** ENGL R101, R101H (also meets English Competency requirement if passed with a "C" or better or Pass)
 - b. **Communication/Analytical Thinking:** COMM R100, R101, R107, R110, R111, R113; ENGL R102, R102H, R128; IDS R110; MATH R014, R032, R101, R102, R105, R105H, R106, R115, R116, R120, R121, R122, R125, R134, R143; PHIL R100, R107, R111, R112; PSY R103, R104; SOC R125 (MATH R014 or higher will also meet Math Competency if passed with a "C" or better or P)
5. **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION/KINESIOLOGY** *(a minimum of ONE course from section Health Education and ONE course from section Physical Education. There is no unit minimum.)*
 - a. **Health Education:** HED R101, R102, R103, R104, R105, R106A, R106B, R107, R110, R113, R114; EMT R079, R169
 - b. **Physical Education:** HED R102L, PE R111; any Dance (DANC) activity course, Physical Education (PE) activity course (except for PE R198) or Intercollegiate Athletics course (ICA).
6. **ETHNIC/GENDER STUDIES** *(A minimum of three units.) For General Studies Majors ONLY (Patterns I, II, and III); NOT required for other degrees.*
 - a. ANTH R102, R102H, R105, R107, R114, R119; ART R170; BRS R101; CHST R101, R107; ECE R107; ENGL R112, R124; GEOG R102; GLST R101; HED R103; HIST R107, R108, R109, R117, R124; PSY R107, R110; SJS R110, R120, R130; SOC R103, R104, R108; SPAN R117

Earn an ASSOCIATE DEGREE (A.A. or A.S.)

An **Associate** degree is an undergraduate academic degree consisting of a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units including general education requirements, major or emphasis requirements, and electives. Associate degrees may be earned in career technical areas or in the arts, mathematics, sciences, and humanities.

1. **Major/Area of Emphasis General Education** Choose from these two options and complete required General Education and Major or an Area of Emphasis (18 units minimum):
 - **Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) in a specific major.** See page 51.
 - **Associate in Arts (A.A.) in General Studies, Patterns I, II, or III.** See pages 53-54.
2. **Units** Satisfactorily complete 60 degree-applicable semester units (General Studies Patterns II and III degrees require all 60 units to be CSU transferable units).
3. **Grades** Earn a grade of “C” or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass/no-pass” (Title 5 § 55063) in every course in the major or area of emphasis. Even though a “pass/no pass” is allowed, it is recommended that students complete all major coursework for a letter grade.

Note: Universities have limitations on the number of units that can be taken “pass/no pass” basis and therefore it is strongly recommended that students take all major coursework for a letter grade. Most universities also have limitations on the number of general education units that can be taken on a pass/no pass basis.

4. **GPA** Achieve a cumulative grade point average of no less than 2.0 in applicable college coursework.
5. **Competency** Demonstrate competency in reading, written expression, and mathematics.
 - a. **Reading** – Minimum competency in reading is satisfied by completion of the requirements for the associate degree.
 - b. **Written Expression** – Minimum competency in written expression is satisfied by one of following:
 1. Successful completion (A, B, C, or P) of a college English Composition course at the freshmen composition level, or
 2. Successful completion of an equivalent English Composition course from a regionally accredited institution; or
 3. A score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) Language and Composition; or
 4. A score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) Literature and Composition; or
 5. A score of 5 or higher on the International Baccalaureate (IB) English HL exam; or
 6. A score of 50 or higher on the College Level Examination Program (C.L.E.P) exam.
 - c. **Mathematics** – Minimum competency in mathematics is satisfied by one of the following:
 1. Successful completion (A, B, C, or P) of a college mathematics course in Intermediate Algebra; or
 2. Successful completion (A, B, C, or P) of a course offered by the college mathematics department with an Intermediate Algebra or higher prerequisite; or
 3. Successful completion (A, B, C, or P) of a course offered by a different department with an enforced prerequisite of Intermediate Algebra or higher; or
 4. A score of 3 or higher on the AP Calculus AB or Calculus BC exam; or
 5. A score of 3 or higher on the AP Statistics exam; or
 6. A score of 4 or higher on the IB Mathematics HL exam; or
 7. A score of 50 or higher on the CLEP College Mathematics or Precalculus exam; or
 8. Successful passing of the VCCCD math competency exam; or
 9. Successful completion (A, B, C, or P) of any course offered by the college’s math department, or approved by the math department if offered by another department, which includes demonstrated ability in all of the following:
 - Simplify rational expressions and solve rational equations
 - Solve problems and applications involving systems of equations in three variables
 - Graph systems of inequalities in two variables
 - Simplify expressions involving positive, negative, and rational exponents
 - Perform mathematical operations on radical expressions and solve radical equations
 - Solve quadratic equations and their applications using multiple methods
 - Graph and evaluate elementary functions. Use definitions, domain and range, algebra and composition of functions on related applications.
 - Solve elementary exponential and logarithmic equations and related applications.
6. **Residency** Completion of at least 12 semester units in residence at the college granting the degree. The VCCCD Board of Trustees may make exceptions to the residency requirements in any instance in which it is determined that an injustice or hardship would otherwise be placed upon an individual student.

ASSOCIATE DEGREES in Specific Majors

Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) Degrees in Specific Majors Requirements

1. Complete Oxnard College's **General Education** Requirements (areas 1. through 5.) on page 62.
 - a. **A. Natural Sciences - a minimum of 6 semester units**
Biological Science - one (1) course
Physical Science - one (1) course
 - b. **Social and Behavioral Sciences - a minimum of 6 semester units**
American History and Institutions - one (1) course
Social and Behavioral Sciences - one (1) course
 - c. **Humanities - a minimum of 6 semester units**
Fine Arts / Performing Arts - one (1) course
Humanities - one (1) course
 - d. **Language and Rationality - a minimum of 6 semester units**
English Composition - one (1) course
Communication and Analytical Thinking - one (1) course
 - e. **Health and Physical Education/Kinesiology**
Health Education - one (1) course
Physical Education/Kinesiology, Intercollegiate Athletics, and Dance activity - one (1) activity course
2. **Choose a major** from the following list and complete the courses required for that major. Courses for the major must be completed with a grade of C or better, or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis (Title 5 § 55063). Even though a "pass-no pass" is allowed, it is recommended that students complete all major coursework for a letter grade (A, B, or C).

Note: Universities have limitations on the number of units that can be taken pass-no pass and therefore it is strongly recommended that students take all major coursework for a letter grade.

Addictive Disorders Studies	Biology	Fire Technology
Addictive Disorders Studies for Alcohol/Drug Counselors	Business	Hospitality Management
Addictive Disorders Studies in the Criminal Justice System	Business Management	Human Services
Administrative Assistant	Chemistry	Paralegal Studies
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	Coastal Environmental Studies	Philosophy
Anthropology	Computer Networking/Information Technology	Physics
Art: Two-Dimensional Studio	Culinary Arts	Political Science
Automation and Control Systems	Dental Assisting	Psychology
Automotive Body and Fender Repair	Dental Hygiene	Restaurant Management
Automotive Technology	Economics	Sociology
	Film, Television, and Electronic Media	

3. Complete a total of **60 degree-applicable semester units** (including General Education, major, and electives, if needed).
4. **Demonstrate competency** in reading, written expression, and mathematics as defined in Title 5 Section 55063 for the appropriate catalog year.
5. Achieve a cumulative **grade point average of no less than 2.0** in applicable college coursework.
6. **Complete a minimum of 12 semester units in residency at the college granting the degree.** Exceptions to the residency requirement can be made by the Board when an injustice or undue hardship would result. (See **Residency** on page 51).
7. Apply for the Associate Degree in the Counseling Office. All of your official transcripts and test scores (such as AP, IB, or CLEP) must be on file with the Admissions and Records office. See graduation requirements on pages 51 and 56.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE in General Studies Pattern I

Associate Degree in General Studies Pattern I

This pattern provides an opportunity to earn an Associate in Arts in General Studies. This degree covers a broad area of study and is intended for students who may not be planning to transfer to a four-year university or who may need to explore possibilities before committing themselves to a major. Students are required to:

1. Complete Oxnard College's General Education requirements to include areas 1. through 5. on page 62.
2. Choose an area of emphasis from one of three categories listed below:
 - **Natural Sciences Emphasis**
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences Emphasis**
 - **Arts and Humanities Emphasis**
3. Complete a minimum of 18 units in the chosen area of emphasis with a grade of "C" or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" (P/NP) basis (Title 5 § 55063). Even though a "P" is allowed, it is recommended that students complete all major coursework for a letter grade (A, B, or C). (Note: Universities have limitations on the number of units that can be taken "pass/no pass" and therefore it is strongly recommended that students take all major coursework for a letter grade.) Complete a minimum of 6 of the 18 units within a single discipline. Courses in the area of emphasis may also be used to fulfill general education requirements but the units may count only once.
4. Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units.
5. Complete the college's other graduation requirements in competency (Mathematics and English), scholarship, and residency.
6. Apply for the A.A. degree in the Counseling Office.

Note: Students planning to transfer to a four-year university are advised that this curriculum may not adequately prepare them for transfer. General Studies Patterns II and III are designed for transfer students.

Areas of Emphasis for Pattern I

Natural Sciences Emphasis

The courses that fulfill the **Natural Sciences** area of emphasis will examine the physical universe, its' life forms and natural phenomena. The courses are designed to develop students' appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, and encourage an understanding of the relationships between science and other human activities.

ANAT R101; **ANTH** R101/L, R101H, R118; **AST** R101/L; **BIOL** R100/L, R101/L, R101H, R120/L, R122/L, R155/L, R170; **CHEM** R104, R110, R112, R120, R122, R130, R132; **ESRM** R100, R160; **GEOG** R101/L, R103; **GEOL** R101/L, R103/L, R114/L, R121, R130; **MICR** R100/L; **MST** R100/L, R103/L, R122, R160, R190, R195; **PHSC** R170; **PHSO** R101; **PHYS** R101/L, R102/L, R121, R122, R131, R132, R133; **PSY** R105

Social and Behavioral Sciences

The courses that fulfill the **Social and Behavioral Sciences** area of emphasis will examine people as members of society. The courses are designed to develop students' awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences; to stimulate critical thinking about the ways people respond to their societies; and to promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate.

ANTH R102, R102H, R103, R105, R106, R107, R110, R111, R111H, R113, R114, R115, R116, R118, R119; **BRS** R101; **CHST** R101, R107; **ECE** R102, R106, R108; **ECON** R100, R101, R102; **EDU** R122; **FTVE** R100; **GEOG** R102, R104, R105; **GLST** R101, R102; **HIST** R104, R107, R108, R109, R110, R117, R122, R124, R125, R125H, R126, R130, R130H, R140, R140H, R150, R150H, R160, R160H; **IDS** R102; **PHIL** R109, R114; **POLS** R100, R101, R102, R104, R105, R108, R125, R125H; **PSY** R101, R101H, R102A, R104, R107, R108, R110, R111, R131, R135; **SJS** R110, R120, R130; **SOC** R101, R101H, R102, R103, R104, R105, R106, R108, R110, R111, R114, R116, R118; **URBS** R101

Arts and Humanities Emphasis

The courses that fulfill the **Arts and Humanities** area of emphasis will examine the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings. The courses are designed to develop students' awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation and to develop students' aesthetic understanding and ability to make value judgments.

ART R101, R102, R103, R104A, R106A, R140, R170, R171, R172; **ASL** R101, R102, R103, R104, R110; **COMM** R105, R109; **ENGL** R102, R102H, R103, R104, R105, R107, R108, R111, R112, R124, R125, R130; **FTVE** R100, R107, R110, R130, R135, R155; **HIST** R109, R117, R126, R150, R150H, R160, R160H; **IDS** R101A, R101B, R110; **MUS** R101, R103A, R116, R130; **PHIL** R101, R101H, R102, R102H, R103, R104, R105, R106, R108, R110, R114, R115, R115H, R116; **SPAN** R101, R102, R103, R104, R117, R118, R140, R141; **THTR** R111, R151

ASSOCIATE DEGREE in General Studies Patterns II & III

Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies Pattern II

This pattern is intended for students who are planning to transfer to a four-year university in high-unit majors or where completion of CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC is not appropriate or advisable. See www.assist.org or an Oxnard College counselor for guidance. Independent or out-of-state universities may also fall in this category.

1. **Select and complete courses** from the general education of a transfer institution to include, at a minimum, the following Title 5 requirements:

- Natural Sciences (3 units)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units)
- Arts and Humanities (3 units)
- Language and Rationality – English Composition (3 units)
- Communication and Analytical Thinking (3 units)
- Three additional units from any of the above areas.

2. **Complete local graduation requirements to include:**

- **Health Education** (one course/no unit minimum): **HEd** R101, R102, R103, R104, R105, R106A, R106B, R107, R110, R113, R114; **EMT** R079, R169
- **Physical Education** (one course/no unit minimum): **HEd** R102L, **PE** R111, any Dance (**DANC**) activity course, Physical Education (**PE**) activity course (except PE R098), or Intercollegiate Athletics course (**ICA**).
- **Ethnic/Gender Studies:** (A minimum of 3 units): **ANTH** R102, R102H, R105, R107, R114, R119; **ART** R170; **BRS** R101; **CHST** R101, R107; **ECE** R107; **ENGL** R112, R124; **GEOG** R102; **GLST** R101; **HEd** R103; **HIST** R107, R108, R109, R117, R124; **PSY** R107, R110; **SJS** R110, R120, R130; **SOC** R103, R104, R108; **SPAN** R117

3. **Choose an area of emphasis** from one of three categories listed below.

- Complete a minimum of 18 units in the chosen area of emphasis with a grade of C or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass/no pass” basis (Title 5 § 55063). Even though a “P” is allowed, it is recommended that students complete all major coursework for a letter grade (A, B, or C). **Note:** Universities have limitations on the number of units that can be taken “pass-no pass” and therefore it is strongly recommended that students take all major coursework for a letter grade.
- Complete a minimum of 6 of the 18 units within a single discipline.
- Select courses that fulfill major preparation requirements for the chosen transfer institution. CSU and UC articulation can be found on www.assist.org. If no articulation exists with the intended transfer institution, you may obtain guidance from recruitment counselors, the transfer institution’s departmental advisors in your major, and their catalog/website.

4. **Complete a minimum of 60 transferable units.**

5. **Complete competency requirements in Mathematics and English** (See page 51 for options in meeting Math competencies).

Note: Courses used to fulfill the CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC requirements in Math and Written Communication or English Composition will fulfill this requirement.

6. **Complete requirements in scholarship** (2.0 minimum cumulative degree-applicable GPA).

7. **Complete residency requirements.** Students must complete at least 12 semester units in residence at Oxnard College in order to receive a degree from Oxnard College. The same policy applies to all colleges in the district: a minimum of 12 semester units must be completed at the college granting the degree.

8. **Apply for the degree in the Counseling Office.**

Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies Pattern III

This pattern is intended for students who are planning to transfer to a California public four-year university (UC or CSU) and plan to use the CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC to fulfill their lower division general education.

1. **Complete CSU GE-Breadth** (page 77) or **IGETC** (page 85)

Note: Students who complete CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC need to apply for GE certification in the Transfer Center or Counseling Office and may also apply for a Certificate of Achievement.

Areas of Emphasis for Patterns II and III

It is recommended that students select courses that fulfill major preparation requirements for the chosen transfer institution. CSU and UC articulation can be found on www.assist.org. Schedule an appointment with an Oxnard College counselor for assistance.

Natural Sciences or Mathematics Emphasis

The courses that fulfill the **Natural Sciences or Mathematics** area of emphasis will examine the physical universe, its life forms and the measurement of natural phenomena. The courses are designed to develop students' appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, along with mathematical evaluation, and to encourage an understanding of the relationships between science/mathematics and other human activities.

This emphasis enables the student to take courses that will satisfy lower division major preparation requirements for areas including but not limited to Allied Health, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geological Sciences, Geography, Health Sciences, Mathematics, Nursing, Physics, and Pre-Medicine.

ANAT R101; **ANTH** R101/L, R101H; **AST** R101/L; **BIOL** R120, R122; **CHEM** R104, R110, R112, R120, R122, R130, R132; **ESRM** R100, R160; **GEOG** R101/L, R103, R141/L; **GEOL** R101/L, R103/L, R114/L, R121, R130; **MATH** R102, R105, R105H, R106, R115, R116, R120, R121, R122, R125, R134, R143; **MICR** R100/L; **PHSO** R101; **PHYS** R101/L, R102/L, R121, R122, R131, R132, R133

Social and Behavioral Sciences Emphasis

The courses that fulfill the **Social and Behavioral Sciences** area of emphasis will examine people as members of society. The courses are designed to develop students' awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences; to stimulate critical thinking about the ways people respond to their societies; and to promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate.

This emphasis enables the student to take courses that will satisfy lower division major preparation requirements for areas within the fields of Anthropology, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

ANTH R102, R102H, R103, R114, R115, R119; **BRS** R101; **CHST** R101, R107; **ECON** R101, R102; **GEOG** R101, R101L, R102, R103, R105, R106; **GLST** R101, R102; **HIST** R107, R108, R130, R130H, R140, R140H, R150, R150H, R160, R160H; **MATH** R105, R105H, R106, R120; **POLS** R100, R101, R102, R104, R105, R108; **PSY** R101, R101H, R103, R104, R105, R108, R135; **SJS** R120; **SOC** R101, R101H, R102, R103, R111, R125; **SPAN** R117

Arts and Humanities Emphasis

The **Arts and Humanities** area of emphasis will examine the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings. The courses are designed to develop students' awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation and to develop students' aesthetic understanding and ability to make value judgments.

This emphasis enables the student to take courses that will satisfy lower division major preparation requirements for areas within the fields of Fine Arts, Performing Arts, English, Ethnic Studies, Foreign Languages, Music, and Philosophy.

ART R102, R103, R104A, R104B, R106A, R106B, R108A, R110A, R126A, R160, R171, R172, R175, R180; **ASL** R101, R102, R103, R104, R110; **ENGL** R103, R104, R105, R107, R108, R111; **MUS** R107A, R107B, R107C, R107D, R118A, R118B, R118C, R118D, R126; **PHIL** R102, R102H, R105, R106, R107, R111, R115, R115H; **SPAN** R101, R102, R103, R104, R140, R141; **THTR** R111, R151

Note: A single course may be used to fulfill a general education requirement, a graduation or competency requirement, and a requirement in an area of emphasis, but the units can only count once toward the 60 units required for the Associate degree and for transfer. A single course may not be used to fulfill more than one GE requirement nor more than one emphasis requirement.

