GENERAL STUDIES
2018-19 CATALOG, FALL 2018

What General Studies degrees are available?
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Associate of Arts (AA) (requires proficiency in a foreign language or American Sign Language at the 1020 level)

What is the content of a General Studies degree?
The primary content is General Education, the purpose of which is to provide you with foundational knowledge and skills that enhance and transcend your academic program of study.

Why choose General Studies at WSU?
- Through General Education classes, you may discover an interest in a more specific major.
- If you have completed a number of General Education courses, you may have already completed many of the degree requirements.
- Some students can complete a General Studies associate’s degree within two years. By earning at least 15 credits each semester, you will complete your degree in less time and for less money than students taking fewer credits per semester.
- The entire degree can be earned through online classes.
- For some (not all) bachelor’s degrees, General Studies is a great way to “lock in” General Education coursework, so consult an academic advisor to inquire if this associate’s degree is right for you.
- Some competitive college programs grant extra points towards admission to applicants who have earned an associate’s degree.
- Other universities within the Utah State Higher Education System (USHE) will accept a WSU General Studies associate’s degree to fulfill the General Education requirements of their bachelor’s degrees.

What are the employment opportunities?
- The highly transferable knowledge and skills gained from this degree are strongly desired by employers in many different settings.
- Some employment positions require that you have an associate’s degree to be hired or to earn a promotion.
- The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Statistics reports that associate’s degree graduates earn an average of approximately $7,000 more a year than people with only a high school diploma. They also report that the 2013 unemployment rate for people with an associate’s degree was 5.4% compared to 7.5% for those with only a high school diploma.
- For more information on employment opportunities, contact Weber State University’s Career Services at 801-626-6393.

Degree Requirements
- Minimum 60 credits
- Minimum 20 credits in residency (WSU courses)
- Minimum 2.0 WSU GPA
- Completion of WSU General Education requirements
- Foreign Language proficiency required for the Associate of Arts Degree (not for the Associate of Science)
## CORE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### COMPOSITION (EN)

Complete ENGL 2010 Intermediate College Writing (3) and earn a “C” grade or better.

See the WSU Catalog or weber.edu/placement for prerequisite information.

### AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (AI)

Select one of the following options and earn a “C” grade or better:

- **POLS 1100** American National Government (3)
- **HIST 1700** American Civilization (3)
- **ECON 1740** Economic History of the U.S. (3)
- **HIST 2700 & 2710** History of the U.S. to 1877 (3) **AND** History of the U.S. since 1877 (3) for History majors.

### QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (QL)

Select one of the following options and earn a “C” grade or better:

- **MATH 1030** Contemporary Mathematics (3)
- **MATH 1040** Introduction to Statistics (3)
- **MATH 1050** College Algebra (4)
- **MATH 1080** Pre-calculus (5)
- **MATH 2020** Geometry for Elementary Teachers (3)

Any WSU Math class for which either MATH 1050 or 1080 is a prerequisite.

A score of 26 or higher on the Math portion of the ACT

A score of 65 or higher on ALEKS

A score of 70 or higher on the College Level Math portion of the Accuplacer exam

See the WSU Catalog or weber.edu/placement for prerequisite information.

Majors other than General Studies may require a specific QL course to complete program requirements. Consult your program advisor and program materials for your best QL option.

### INFORMATION LITERACY (IL)

Complete an exam or course option (see table below) and earn a “C” grade or better for a course or a passing exam score.

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### DIVERSITY (DV)

Select 3 credits from the list of approved courses and earn a passing grade. Breadth general education courses marked with “◊” fulfill the Diversity requirement as well as the specified Breadth requirement.
**HUMANITIES & CREATIVE ARTS** Select 9 credits (with at least 3 credits from Humanities and at least 3 credits from Creative Arts) and earn a passing grade.

### HUMANITIES

**Anthropology**
- ANTH 1040 Language and Culture (3)

**Communication**
- COMM 1020 Principles of Public Speaking (3)
- COMM 2010 Mass Media and Society (3)
- COMM 2110 Interpersonal and Small Group Communication (3)

**Foreign Language**
- FL 2851 Study Abroad (3)
- FL 2020 Fourth Semester (3)
- FL 2600 Introduction to Cultural and Literary Studies in Translation (3)

**Honors**
- HNRS 1110 Introduction to Honors: The Construction of Knowledge (3)
- HNRS 1540 Perspectives in the Humanities (3)
- HNRS 2010 Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Humanities (3)
- HNRS 2110 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the West in Classical and Medieval Eras (3)
- HNRS 2120 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the West in the Modern Era (3)
- HNRS 2130 Intellectual Traditions: Great Ideas of the East (3)

**English**
- ENGL 2200 Introduction to Literature (3)
- ENGL 2220 Introduction to Fiction (3)
- ENGL 2240 Introduction to Poetry (3)
- ENGL 2230 Introduction to Drama (3)
- ENGL 2510 Masterpieces of Literature (3)
- ENGL 2710 Perspectives on Women’s Literature (3)
- ENGL 3500 Introduction to Shakespeare (3)
- ENGL 3510 World Literature (3)
- ENGL 3520 Literature of the Natural World (3)
- ENGL 3750 Topics and Ideas in Literature (3)

**Music**
- MUSC 1043 Music, the Arts & Civilizations (3)

**Philosophy**
- PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy (3)
- PHIL 1120 Contemporary Moral Problems (3)
- PHIL 1250 Critical Thinking (3)

**Theatre**
- THEA 3323 History and Literature of Contemporary Theatre (3)

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Select 6 credits and earn a passing grade.

**Anthropology**
- ANTH 1000 Introduction to Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 2010 Peoples and Cultures of the World (3)
- ANTH 2030 Principles of Archaeology (3)

**Child and Family Studies**
- CHF 1500 Human Development (3)
- CHF 2400 Family Relations (3)

**Criminal Justice**
- CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)

**Economics**
- ECON 1010 Economics as a Social Science (3)
- ECON 1100 Environmental Issues and Economic Policy (3)
- ECON 2010 Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 2020 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

**Engineering Technology & Culture**
- ETC 2001 Engineering Culture (3)

**Geography**
- GEOG 1300 Places and Peoples of the World (3)
- GEOG 1520 Geography of the United States and Canada (3)

**Gerontology**
- GERT 1010 Introduction to Gerontology (3)

**Health Education**
- HLTH 1030 Healthy Lifestyles (3)

**History**
- HIST 1500 World History to 1500 C.E. (3)
- HIST 1510 World History from 1500 C.E. to the Present (3)

**Honors**
- HNRS 1150 Perspectives in the Creative Arts (3)
- HNRS 2020 Exploring Key Concepts in the Disciplines: Creative Arts (3)

**Management Information Systems**
- MIS 1100 The Digital Society (3)

**Physical Education Professional**
- PEP 2700 Sociohistorical Aspects of Sport (3)

**Political Science**
- POLS 1520 Leadership & Political Life (3)
- POLS 2100 Introduction to International Politics (3)
- POLS 2200 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3)
- POLS 2300 Introduction to Political Theory (3)
- POLS 2400 Introduction to Law and Courts (3)
- POLS 2500 Human Rights in the World (3)*

**Psychology**
- PSY 1010 Introductory Psychology (3)
- PSY 2000 The Psychology of Human Relationships (3)

**Social Work**
- SW 1010 Introduction to Generalist Social Work (3)
- SW 2100 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- SW 2200 Issues in Diversity (3)

**Sociology**
- SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOC 1020 Social Problems (3)

**Women & Gender Studies**
- WGS 1500 Introduction to Women & Gender Studies (3)
- WGS 2500 Human Rights in the World (3)*

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*Only one Human Rights in the World (POLS/WGS 2500) may be used to fulfill Social Sciences.*
Courses will count toward General Education

Students may take as many WSU General Education areas (Core or Breadth). Must earn a passing grade.

WSU courses are new interdisciplinary, variable credit (3-5), team taught, and limited enrollment courses that satisfy requirements in two General Education areas (Core or Breadth). Must earn a passing grade.

Students may take as many WSU Courses as they wish, but only the non-overlapping General Education attributes from subsequent WSU Courses will count toward General Education requirements.

Avoid Misadvising Yourself!
Consult your academic advisor (weber.edu/advisors), the WSU Catalog (catalog.weber.edu), and your CatTracks degree evaluation (log in to your eWeber Student Portal).

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