

# GENERAL STUDIES (A.A.) CPSO

<https://cps.unh.edu/online/program/aa/general-studies>

## Description

The Associate Degree in General Studies offers a flexible pathway for students with diverse educational backgrounds or schedules. This program allows students to build on prior learning, explore a variety of disciplines, and create a general studies degree that aligns with their personal and career goals. Designed for students who want to explore their academic and professional interests before choosing a specific career path, the program emphasizes critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills essential for success in a wide range of fields.

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

**Minimum Credit Requirement:** 60 credits

**Minimum Residency Requirement:** 16 credits must be taken at UNH

**Minimum GPA:** 2.0 required for conferral\*

**Core Curriculum Required:** General Education Program

Major, Option, and Elective Requirements as indicated.

\*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

### General Education Program Requirements

A minimum grade of D- is required in all General Education coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of one course overlap between the Major and General Education areas.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
Select one of the following:		4
MTH 402	Math for Our World	
MTH 504	Statistics	
MTH 510	Pre-Calculus	
Knowledge of Human Behavior & Social Systems		4
Knowledge of the Physical & Natural World		4
Knowledge of Human Thought & Expression		4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>32</b>

### Major Requirements

A minimum grade of C- is required in all Major and Concentration coursework.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major in General Studies</b>		
IDIS 410	College Success Seminar	2

General Studies Concentration	20
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>22</b>

## Degree Plan

This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. UNH CPS Online undergraduate students should develop individual academic plans with their academic advisor during their first year at UNH.

### Sample Course Sequence

#### First Year

Fall		Credits
IDIS 410	College Success Seminar	2
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
Elective		2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

#### Spring

CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
Select 1 of the following:		4
MTH 402	Math for Our World	
MTH 504	Statistics	
MTH 510	Pre-Calculus	
General Education Course		4
General Studies Option Course		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Second Year

Fall		Credits
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
General Education Course		4
General Studies Option Course		4
General Studies Option Course		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
Spring		Credits
General Studies Option Course		4
General Studies Option Course		4
General Education Course		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

## Student Learning Outcomes

### Program Learning Outcomes

- Organize, draft, edit, and revise writing in order to communicate effectively.
- Engage in verbal and/or online interactions with others and use communication skills to influence others.
- Apply quantitative reasoning to real-world problems.
- Think critically to analyze information and craft informed arguments.

- Articulate the key concepts, methodologies, and applications of a concentrated area of academic and/or professional interest.
- Use key elements of career exploration to develop an integrated career and academic plan.
- Practice ways of thinking in and across areas of knowledge.