

GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

The associate of general studies degree provides students the flexibility to create a customized program of study designed to fulfill a unique career goal which is not available through any single technical certificate or associate of applied science degree currently offered at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus.

Students who earn this degree will take a core of general education course work and technical coursework (or higher college level course work) recommended by an academic advisor. The associate of general studies provides a degree path toward the Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Professional Studies or another bachelor degree.

Students may utilize multiple disciplinary training options in a variety of technical fields. Certificate programs currently without a degree option and students who are taking industry requested specialized courses tailored to employer needs may utilize this pathway to a degree.

Students who are pursuing a program of study where admission is limited (Cardiovascular Technology, Cosmetology, Medical Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Paramedic/Emergency Medical Services, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing), will be assigned a major of Associate of General Studies until admitted into their selected program.

Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

(60 Semester Credit Hours)

1st Semester

| Course Number and Name | Credits |
|---|-----------|
| Any Approved Social Science ¹ | 3 |
| BST 1303 Introduction to Computers or CIS 1113 Fundamental Computer Operation | 3 |
| ENGL 1013 <i>Must pass with a "C" or better</i> | 3 |
| TMAT 1203 Technical Mathematics <i>(or higher math)</i> <i>Must pass with a "C" or better</i> | 3 |
| Technical Elective <i>(or college level course work)</i> | 3 |
| Total Hours | 15 |

2nd Semester

| Course Number and Name | Credits |
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| ENGL 1023 <i>Must pass with a "C" or better</i> | 3 |
| Technical Electives <i>(or college level course work)</i> | 12 |
| Total Hours | 15 |

3rd Semester

| Course Number and Name | Credits |
|------------------------|---------|
| Technical Elective | 15 |

| Course Number and Name | Credits |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| <i>(or college level course work)</i> | |
| Total Hours | 15 |

4th Semester

| Course Number and Name | Credits |
|---|-----------|
| Technical Elective <i>(or college level course work)</i> | 15 |
| Total Hours | 15 |

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements".