GENERAL STUDIES: COMMUNICATION AND ANALYTICAL THINKING EMPHASIS

This degree provides an opportunity for students to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) degree in a comprehensive area of study and is intended for the student who is not currently preparing to transfer to a university. A minimum of 60 semester units must be completed with an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in all degree-applicable units. Only courses numbered 1-299 may be applied toward this associate degree.

These courses improve effective communication and analytical thinking, which enable the bridging of disciplines. Through the use of effective resources, students are able to interpret and analyze problems, evaluate answers, make judgments, and enhance their general knowledge.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

* Form a provable thesis, develop it through factual research, distinguish between fact and opinion, and make effective rhetorical choices in relation to audience and purpose.

* Analyze and evaluate complex issues or problems, draw reasoned conclusions and/or generate solutions, and effectively communicate their results.

* Analyze and interpret human thought, achievement, and expression relevant to such branches of knowledge as philosophy, literature, and/or the fine and performing arts, and to communicate the results.

Associate in Arts Degree

Associate Degree Major Requirements	Units
REQUIRED CORE:	
Select 18 units from at least two disciplines from courses listed below:	**18**
BUSI 22 Human Behavior/Leadership (3)	
BUSI 42 Human Resources Management (3)	
BUSI 110 Business Mathematics(3)	
CSIS 1 Computer Information Systems (3)	
CSIS 9 Programming Fundamentals: Python (3)	
CSIS 10A Programming Methods: Java (4)	
CSIS 190 Computer Forensics (3)	
ENGL 2 Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking (3)	
LING 49 Introduction to Discourse Analysis (3)	
MATH 10 Mathematics for General Education (4)	
MATH 13 Pre-Calculus (4)	
MATH 16 Elementary Statistics (4)	
MATH 17 Finite Math (4)	
MATH 18 Calculus/Analytic Geometry for Bio/Soc Sci/Business (4)	
MATH 20A Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (5)	
MATH 263 Intermediate Algebra and Coordinate Geometry (5)	
PHIL 6 Introduction to Logic (3)	
PHIL 10 Introduction to Critical Thinking (3)	
SOCI 15 Introduction to Research Methods (3)	
SPCH 1 Public Speaking (3)	
SPCH 2 Small Group Communication (3)	
SPCH 3 Interpersonal Communication (3)	
TOTAL MAJOR UNITS	**18**

Associate Degree Requirements (as described above)   **18**

Complete Competency Requirements and MPC General Education Pattern for a total of 60 degree-applicable units (see pages 72-73, 76 in the 2017-18 MPC Catalog).

TOTAL DEGREE UNITS   **60**