

GENERAL STUDIES (SELF-DESIGNED) AA/AS

☐ Offered Online

The AA/AS in General Studies degree is designed for students who would like to earn a foundation of general education and transfer to a baccalaureate program. Students complete 31 credits of General Education and can choose courses from each category in the menu below. In consultation with an advisor, students choose 29 credits of elective courses that will help them to prepare for the bachelor's degree of their choice.

General Education Courses

More information on General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.msusbillings.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
1. Global Academic Skills		
<i>A. Mathematics</i>		
Select three credits from the following:		3
M 105	Contemporary Mathematics	
M 114	Extended Technical Mathematics	
M 121	College Algebra	
M 122	College Trigonometry	
M 130	Math for Elementary Teachers I	
M 140	College Math for Healthcare	
M 143	Finite Mathematics	
M 161	Survey of Calculus	
M 171	Calculus I	
STAT 141	Intro to Statistical Concepts	
STAT 216	Introduction to Statistics	
<i>B. English</i>		
Select three credits from the following:		3
WRIT 101	College Writing I	
WRIT 121	Intro to Technical Writing	
WRIT 122	Intro to Business Writing	
<i>C. Information Literacy</i>		
Select three credits from the following:		3
BMIS 150	Cyber Security & Electronic Co	
COMX 111	Intro to Public Speaking	
COMX 115	Intro to Interpersonal Comm	
COMX 210	Communication in Small Groups	
HONR 205	Honors Inquiry and Research	
LSCI 125	Research in the Info Age	
2. Natural Sciences		
Regarding Natural Sciences, students are required to take one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences. At least one course must include a corresponding laboratory.		7
Select three credits from the following with a corresponding laboratory courses if not taken in Physical Sciences:		
BIOB 101	Discover Biology	
BIOB 102	Discover Biology Lab	
BIOB 121	Fund of Bio for Allied Health	

BIOB 123	Fund Bio: Nature of Nutrition
BIOB 160	Principles of Living Systems
BIOB 161	Principles Living Systems Lab
Select three credits from the following with a corresponding laboratory courses if not taken in Life Sciences:	
ASTR 110	Introduction to Astronomy
ASTR 111	Introduction to Astronomy Lab
CHMY 121	Intro to General Chemistry
CHMY 122	Intro to Gen Chem Lab
CHMY 141	College Chemistry I
CHMY 142	College Chemistry I Lab
GEO 101	Intro to Physical Geology
GEO 102	Intro to Physical Geology Lab
GPHY 262	Spatial Sciences Tech and Appl
GPHY 263	Spatial Sciences & Tech Lab
PHSX 103	Our Physical World
PHSX 104	Our Physical World Lab
PHSX 205	College Physics I
PHSX 206	College Physics I Lab
Students can satisfy Natural Sciences by taking the following:	
SCIN 101	Integrated Sciences I
SCIN 103	Integrated Sciences II
SCIN 102	Integrated Sciences Lab
or SCIN 104	Integrated Science Lab II
Social Sciences and History	
<i>Social Sciences</i>	
Select three credits from the following:	
BGEN 105B	Introduction to Business
COMX 106	Comm in a Dynamic Workplace
ECNS 201	Principles of Microeconomics
ECNS 202	Principles of Macroeconomics
EDU 105	Education and Democracy
HTH 110	Personal Health and Wellness
PSCI 210	Intro to American Government
PSCI 220	Intro to Comparative Govt
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 201	Social Problems
<i>History</i>	
Select three credits from the following:	
HSTA 101	American History I
HSTA 102	American History II
HSTR 159	World History to 1500 CE
HSTR 160	Modern World History
PSCI 230	Intro to International Rel
Cultural Diversity	
Select three credits from the following:	
ANTY 220	Culture & Society
ARTH 160	Global Visual Culture
COMX 212	Intro to Intercultural Comm
GPHY 121	Human Geography
HTH 270	Global Health Issues

LIT 230	World Lit Survey
MUSI 207	World Music
NASX 105	Intro Native American Studies
NASX 205	Native Americans in Contmp Soc
REHA 201	Intro to Diversity in Counslng
RLST 170	The Religious Quest
SPNS 150	The Hispanic Tradition
WGSS 274	Women, Culture & Society

Arts and Humanities*Fine Arts*

Select three credits from the following: 3

ARTZ 105	Visual Language-Drawing
ARTZ 106	Visual Language-2-D Fndtns
ARTZ 108	Visual Language-3-D Fndtns
ARTZ 131	Ceramics for Non-Majors
CRWR 240	Intro Creative Writing Wrkshp
FILM 160	Introduction to World Cinema
LIT 270	Film & Lit
MUSI 101	Enjoyment of Music
MUSI 114	Band: MSUB Symphonic
MUSI 131	Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB
MUSI 147	Choral Ensemble: Univ Chorus
PHOT 154	Exploring Digital Photography
THTR 101	Introduction to Theatre

Humanities

Select three credits from the following: 3

ARTH 150	Introduction to Art History
HONR 111	Perspectives and Understanding
LIT 110	Intro to Literature
LIT 213	Montana Literature
PHL 110	Introduction to Ethics
PHL 111	Philosophies of Life

Requirements

Electives 29

Total Minimum Credits 60

- Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better
- Satisfy the General Education requirements of MSU Billings
- Earn a C- or better in all General Education requirements
- A minimum of 20 semester credits with 40 grade points must be earned at MSU Billings