

Associate of Arts in General Studies

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The Associate of Arts degree in General Studies is designed to give students valuable preparation for further studies, by providing them with introductory general studies courses while helping them develop a foundational Biblical perspective.

Students successfully completing this program will demonstrate:

1. A general knowledge of the content of Scripture;
2. College-level competence in the general skills that form the foundation for all learning: reading, writing/composition, and critical thinking; and
3. Introductory knowledge of Western culture integrating themes from history, science, philosophy, or literature.

The Trinity Access Option (see page 37) for the Associate of Arts in General Studies is designed to give students flexibility in scheduling and pacing of the degree course requirements. Students selecting this degree option will meet all of the graduation requirements for the Associate of Arts in General Studies, while also:

1. maintaining a non-traditional schedule of courses, including evening and online courses, throughout the duration of the degree program;
2. maintaining an advanced pace, with each course scheduled for 8 weeks rather than the full length of the traditional semester; and
3. choosing either the traditional Chapel and Christian Service or following an approved alternative option. Alternative options must be approved through the office of Student Development.

Students are advised to follow one of the following course load timelines to complete the Trinity Access for the Associate of Arts in General Studies:

- A. 15 credits in each of 4 semesters; OR
- B. 15 credits in each of 2 semesters for the first year of the program, followed by 6 credits in the summer session, and 12 credits in each of 2 semesters of the second year; OR
- C. 12 credits in each of 4 semesters along with 6 credits in each of 2 summer sessions.

Graduation Requirements

All of the following requirements must be met in order to graduate and receive an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies from Trinity College:

1. Satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester credit hours with at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average including completion of the Associate of Arts curriculum, Chapel, and Christian Service requirements. The final 30 credit hours and at least 50% of all major courses credit hours must be completed in residence at Trinity College.
2. Satisfactory completion of all Trinity College assessment procedures.
3. Continued evidence of a consistent, genuine, Christian testimony.
4. Continued essential agreement with the Doctrinal Statement of the College.
5. Satisfactory fulfillment of all financial obligations to the College. No degree will be granted or transcript provided to a student with an outstanding financial obligation to the College.
6. Affirmative recommendation for graduation by the faculty, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Board of Trustees.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Fall Semester - 15 credits

SLS	1501	College and Career Success	3
ENC	1101	Freshman Composition I	3
BIBL	1000	Bible Elective*	3
GEEL	1000	General Studies Elective**	3
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Spring Semester - 15 credits

ENC	1102	Freshman Composition II	3
BIBL	1000	Bible Elective*	3
SPC	1300	Interpersonal Communication	3
GEEL	1000	General Studies Elective**	3
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Fall Semester - 15 credits

BIBL	2331	Hermeneutics	3
BIBL	2000	Bible Elective*	3
GNMN	1302	Evangelism and Discipleship	3
LTEL	2000	Literature Elective	3
GEEL	2000	General Studies Elective**	3

Spring Semester - 15 credits

BIBL	2000	Bible Elective*	3
MTEL	2000	Math Elective	3
HSEL	2000	History Elective	3
MISS	1301	World Missions and Religions	3
GEEL	2000	General Studies Elective**	3

*Following Admissions Assessment, the following courses: **BIBL1101 Basics of Biblical Living** (Fall), **BIBL1102 Christian Belief and Scripture** (Spring) may be required during the freshman year.

**Students may select a course in history, science, literature, psychology, communication, language, fine arts, or honors. All selections must be approved by the student's advisor.

TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS: 60