

# 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
3. Introductory knowledge of Western culture integrating themes from history, science, philosophy, or literature

## 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 course 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 (Total Required Credits: 60) Suggested Two-Year Schedule:

### Fall Semester (first year) 15 Credits

SLS 1501	College and Career Success	3
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3
BIBL 1000	Bible or Theology Elective*	3
GEEL 1000	General Studies Elective**	3
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### Spring Semester (first year) 15 Credits

ENC 1102	Freshman Composition II	3
BIBL 1000	Bible or Theology Elective*	3
SPC 1300	Interpersonal Communication	3
GEEL 1000	General Studies Elective**	3
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### Fall Semester (second year) 15 Credits

BIBL 2331	Hermeneutics	3
BIBL 2000	Bible or Theology Elective**	3
GNMN 1302	Evangelism and Discipleship	3
LTEL 2000	Literature Elective	3
GEEL 1000	General Studies Elective**	3

### Spring Semester (second year) 15 Credits

BIBL 2000	Bible or Theology 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

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The Trinity Access Option (see Trinity Access) 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 eight weeks rather than the full length of the traditional semester
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 four semesters; OR
- B. 15 credits in each of two semesters for the first year of the program, followed by six credits in the summer session, and 12 credits in each of two semesters of the second year; OR
- C. 12 credits in each of four semesters along with six credits in each of two summer sessions.

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\*Following the 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.