



The University of South Dakota.

The primary goal of offering an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies by distance is to provide educational access to time and place-bound individuals. Another purpose is to provide the first two years of all general education requirements, enabling students to matriculate into a four-year degree program. The Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies is awarded through the College of Arts & Sciences.

An Associate of Arts (A. A.) degree in General Studies is available worldwide. The degree is authorized by the South Dakota Board of Regents and has been available since the fall term of 1999. All six South Dakota state universities collaboratively offer the A.A. in General Studies degree. The AA degree in General Studies is available through distance education, i.e. courses via Internet and correspondence.

What is required for the AA degree in General Studies? A total of 64 credit hours is required. The hours will consist of:

<u>System General Education Requirements:</u> 30 credit hours	
Written Composition	6 credits
Oral Composition	3 credits
Social Sciences (in 2 disciplines)	6 credits
Humanities & Fine Arts	6 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Natural Sciences	6 credits
Electives	34 credit hours
Total Semester Credit Hours	64

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A.A. General Studies Program Outline

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64 total credit hours: 30 credits General Education Requirements; 34 credits Electives
Potential plan of study - Based on full-time (average 9-12 cr. hrs./semester)

Humanities/ Fine Arts (H/FA) 6 credit hours required (all students must complete at a minimum level ENGL 210 and one other course in either Humanities or Fine Arts)

Course/ No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ARTH/HIST 211	History of World Art I	Correspondence	Every Semester
ARTH/HIST 212	History of World Art II	Correspondence	Every Semester
ENGL 210	Introduction to Literature	Online	Every Semester
ENGL 210	Introduction to Literature	Correspondence	Every Semester
HIST 121	Western Civilization I	Correspondence	Every Semester
HIST 122	Western Civilization II	Correspondence	Every Semester
MCOM 151	Intro to Mass Communication	Correspondence	Every Semester
ARTH 100	Art Appreciation	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester
THEA 100	Introduction to Theatre	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester
THEA 201	Film Appreciation	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester
GFA 101	Introduction to Fine Arts	Online	Every Semester
REL 250	World Religions	Correspondence	Every Semester

Social Sciences (Soc Sci) 6 credit hours required (choose 2)

Course/ No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ANTH 210	Cultural Anthropology	Correspondence	Every Semester
CJUS/POLS 201	Intro to Criminal Justice	Correspondence	Every Semester
HIST 151	United States History I	Correspondence	Every Semester
HIST 152	United States History II	Correspondence	Every Semester
POLS 100	American Government	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester
SOC 100	Intro to Sociology	Correspondence	Every Semester
SOC 150	Social Problems	Correspondence	Every Semester

Advanced Composition 3 credit hours required (choose 1)

Course/ No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ENGL 201	Composition II	Correspondence	Every Semester
ENGL 201	Composition II	Online	Every Summer
ENGL 205	Business Writing	Correspondence	Every Semester
ENGL 205	Business Writing	Online	Every Summer
ENGL 283	Creative Writing	Correspondence	Every Semester
ENGL 283	Creative Writing	Online	Every Spring, Every Summer

Oral Communication 3 credit hours required

Course/ No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech	Online	Every Semester

Mathematics 3 credit hours required (choose 1)

Course/ No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
MATH 102	College Algebra	Online	Every Semester
MATH 104	Finite Mathematics	Correspondence	Spring 09, Summer 09
MATH 104	Finite Mathematics	Online	Every Fall, Every Spring
MATH/ STAT 281	Intro to Statistics	Correspondence	Every Semester

Natural Sciences 6 credit hours required (students must complete a 2-semester lab science sequence)

Course/ No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
CHEM 106 *	Chemistry Survey I	Online	Every Semester
ESCI 101 & 103	Earth Science I & II	Online	Every Semester

* CHEM 107 is not offered via distance learning