

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS(A.A.) IN GENERAL STUDIES

ONLINE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 move 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.) 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 A. A. in General Studies is available through distance education, i.e. courses via Internet and correspondence.

GETTING STARTED

- 1) To apply for admission to the University of South Dakota visit www.usd.edu/cde/online-associate-of-arts-in-general-studies.cfm.
- 2) You will receive notification of acceptance or denial in a formal letter.
- 3) If accepted, consult with an advisor.
- 4) Register for classes (placement testing may be needed).

*** If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172 E-mail: disabilityservices@usd.edu**

TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit www.usd.edu/cde/online-associate-of-arts-in-general-studies.cfm or contact a higher education service site that is appropriate for you:

**Sioux Falls, Sioux City,
Vermillion area & Worldwide**
Division of Continuing Education
1-800-233-7937
605-677-6240
cde@usd.edu

Rapid City & Pierre Area
University Center - Rapid City
Contact: Benjamin Krush
605-718-4112
UC-RC@usd.edu

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1) For automatic admittance to an associate's degree program, first-time college or university students, under the age of 24, must submit 1) an official high school transcript or GED and 2) ACT or SAT scores and 3) meet one of the following criteria:

- Ranked in the top 60 percent of high school graduating class
- ACT composite score of 18 or higher on the enhanced ACT or SAT score of 870 or higher or the SAT Reasoning Test Math and Critical Reading subscores total 870 or higher
- Earned a cumulative GPA of 2.6 (on a 4.0 scale) while in high school
- Completed the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) with a combined score of at least 2250 and a minimum score of 410 on each test

2) For automatic admittance to an associate's degree program, first-time college or university students, over the age of 24, must submit 1) an official high school transcript or GED and 2) ACT or SAT scores, if test was taken within the last five years, and 3) meet the following criteria:

- Received a high school diploma or GED

Associate degree pursuant students who are successful with university coursework (C or above) may declare a bachelor's degree through the appropriate university process.

3) Transfer applicants from regionally accredited colleges or universities:

- Will be admitted if they have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 grading scale) for previous college or university coursework (official transcripts required)
- Some programs may require a transfer GPA higher than the minimum
- The dean of the school or college to which you are applying will evaluate applicants with a GPA under 2.0

In addition to the documentation outlined above, transfer applicants must submit official high school transcripts, official transcripts from each college or university previously attended, and ACT or SAT scores (not required if applicant is over the age of 24).

**4) Former USD Students -
Readmission to the University of South Dakota:**

- If you wish to apply for readmission to the University of South Dakota and **USD was the last school you attended**, please submit the Automatic Reentry Application.
- If you wish to reapply for admission and **USD was not the last school you attended**, please re-apply using the regular admission application.



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS/COURSE ROTATION

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60 total credit hours: 30 credits General Education Requirements; 30 credits Electives

Written Communication: 6 credit hours required (Students must take ENGL 101 and choose 1 course from Advanced Composition)

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ENGL 101	Composition I	Correspondence/Online	Every Semester

Advanced Composition: 3 credit hours required (choose 1)

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ENGL 201	Composition II	Correspondence/Online	Every Semester
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

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

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ARTH/HIST 211/212	History of World Art I & II	Correspondence/Online	Every Semester
ARTH 251	Indian Art History	Correspondence/Online	Every Semester
ENGL 210	Introduction to Literature	Online/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/Online	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/Correspondence	Every Semester
MUS 100	Music Appreciation: Jazz	Online	Every Semester
REL 250	World Religions	Correspondence	Every Semester

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

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
ANTH 210	Cultural Anthropology	Correspondence	Every Semester
CJUS/POLS 201	Intro to Criminal Justice	Correspondence/Online	Every Semester
GEOG 210	World Geography	Online/ Correspondence	Every Semester
HIST 151/152	United States History I & II	Correspondence	Every Semester
POLS 100	American Government	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester
POLS 141	Governments of the World	Online	Every Fall
POLS 210	State and Local Government	Online	Every Fall
POLS 250	World Politics	Online	Every Semester
PSYC 101	General Psychology	Online	Every Semester
SOC 100	Intro to Sociology	Online/Correspondence	Every Semester
SOC 150	Social Problems	Correspondence	Every Semester
SOC 250	Courtship & Marriage	Correspondence	Every Semester

Oral Communication: 3 credit hours required

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech	Online	Every Semester

Mathematics: 3 credit hours required

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
MATH 102	College Algebra	Online	Every Semester
MATH/STAT 281	Intro to Statistics	Correspondence	Every Semester

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS/COURSE ROTATION CONT.

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

Course	Course Title	Site	Rotation
Chem 106 *	Chemistry Survey I	Online	Every Semester
PHGY 220/230	Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II	Online	Every Semester
ESCI 101 & 103	Earth Science I & II	Online	Every Semester

Students must also complete 30 credit hours in Elective Courses.

Associate of Arts (A.A.) in General Studies Program Total (60 credit hours)