# ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL **STUDIES AGS**

### **Program Description**

The Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree is intended to meet individual student needs using a variety of lower division college level courses to meet degree requirements. The AGS degree must include 90 quarter credits or equivalent proficiency, a recognizable core of general education courses, and an established standard of academic achievement. Electives may include any combination of lower division collegiate transfer and/or collegiate level career and technical education courses chosen from the approved list. Although it is not required, students are encouraged to complete the General Education Core and OTM as part of their AGS.

### **Program Outcomes**

#### Arts and Letters

- · Interpret and engage in the Arts & Letters, making use of the creative process to enrich the quality of life; and
- · Critically analyze values and ethics within a range of human experience and expression to engage more fully in local and global issues.

#### **Mathematics**

- · Use appropriate mathematics to solve problems; and
- · Recognize which mathematical concepts are applicable to a scenario, apply appropriate mathematics and technology in its analysis, and then accurately interpret, validate, and communicate the results.

#### Science or Computer Sciences

- · Gather, comprehend, and communicate scientific and technical information in order to explore ideas, models, and solutions and generate further questions; and
- Apply scientific and technical modes of inquiry, individually, and collaboratively, to critically evaluate existing or alternative explanations, solve problems, and make evidence-based decisions in an ethical manner; and
- · Assess the strengths and weaknesses of scientific studies and critically examine the influence of scientific and technical knowledge on human society.

#### Social Sciences

- · Apply analytical skills to social phenomena in order to understand human behavior; and
- · Apply knowledge and experience to foster personal growth and better appreciate the diverse social world in which we live.

#### Speech/Oral Communication

- · Engage in ethical communication processes that accomplish goals; and
- · Respond to the needs of diverse audiences and contexts; and
- · Build and manage relationships.

#### Writing

· Read actively, think critically, and write purposefully and capably for academic and, in some cases, professional audiences; and

- · Locate, evaluate, and ethically utilize information to communicate effectively; and
- · Demonstrate appropriate reasoning in response to complex issues.

### Cultural Literacy

· Identify and analyze complex practices, values, and beliefs and the culturally and historically defined meanings of difference.

## **Program Course Requirements**

Code	Title	Credits
General Requirements		
COM 111Z	Public Speaking	4
or COM 218Z	Interpersonal Communication	
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
Mathematics		3-5
MTH 105Z	Math in Society (or higher)	4
Discipline Studies Requirements		

#### Discipline Studies Requirements

Select at least one additional course from the approved list in each of 3-5 the following:

Arts and Letters Elective (https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/ degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#Humanities)

science-math-comscience (https://umpgua-

public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/approved-courselistings/#science-math-comscience)

Social Science Elective (https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/ degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#Social-Sciences)

#### Additional Requirements

- · No course substitutions are allowed.
- No course may be used to satisfy requirements in more than one area
- · All Program course requirements must be at least three credits each, this includes both General Requirements and Discipline Studies Requirements.

## **Additional Program Information**

- 1. Students should work closely with UCC advisors and faculty to select appropriate courses.
- 2. "Associate of General Studies" appears on the student's transcript. Specific program designation or focus does not appear on the student's transcript or degree.
- 3. To complete an AGS at Umpgua Community College, a minimum of 25% of the program credits required must be earned through UCC, two terms of attendance must have occurred at UCC, and a student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- 4. Courses used to satisfy AGS degree requirements must be on the approved list.