

General Education¹ Guidelines

Applied Associates Degrees

For applied associate degrees (Associate of Applied Business and Associate of Applied Science), general education must include at least 30 semester of hours of non-technical coursework, which can include both general education and applied general education (i.e., “basic”) courses. The general education portion of the non-technical coursework must include at least 15 semester credit hours distributed across the following five areas:

- At least one course (3 semester credit hours) in **Oral and Written Communication**² (e.g., *English Composition, Public Speaking*)
- At least one course (3 semester credit hours) in **Mathematics and Data Analysis** (e.g., *Algebra, Geometry, Calculus, Statistics, Logic*)
- At least one course (3 semester credit hours) in **Arts and Humanities** (e.g., *Art, Film Studies, History, Ethics, Literature, Foreign Language*)
- At least one course (3 semester credit hours) in **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (e.g., *Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Communication, Political Science*)
- At least one course (3 semester credit hours) in **Natural and Physical Sciences** (e.g., *Anatomy, Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science*)

¹ Developmental or remedial courses cannot be counted toward general education requirements for degree programs.

² Note that the Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) includes 3 credits of English Composition as a minimum general education requirement; for maximum transferability, students should complete a 3-semester English Composition course to fulfill this requirement.

Academic Associate Degrees

For academic associate degrees, (Associate of Arts and Associate of Science), general education must include a minimum of 36 semester of hours of coursework. Each academic associate degree must utilize 24 of the required 36 semester credit hours as follows:

- At least one course (3 semester credit hours) in **Oral and Written Communication**³ (*English Composition, Public Speaking*)
- At least one course (3 semester credit hours) in **Mathematics and Data Analysis** (*College Algebra, Geometry, Calculus, Statistics, Logic*)
- At least two courses (6 semester credit hours) in **Arts and Humanities** (*e.g., Art, Film Studies, History, Ethics, Literature, Foreign Language*)
- At least two courses (6 semester credit hours) **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (*Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Communication, Political Science*)
- At least two courses (6 semester credit hours) **Natural and Physical Sciences** (*Anatomy, Physiology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science*)

Typically, an Associate of Arts would include more credit hours in the oral and written communication and arts and humanities areas, while an Associate of Science would include more credit hours in the mathematics and science areas. Applied general education (i.e., basic) coursework shall not be counted as general education in academic associate's degrees.

Baccalaureate Degrees

For bachelor's degrees (e.g., Bachelor of Arts—BA, Bachelor of Fine Arts—BFA, Bachelor of Science—BS or Bachelor of Applied Studies—BAS), the *minimum* general education requirements are the same as for the academic associate's degrees. However, many BA, BS, BAS and BFA degree programs will require general education coursework beyond those minimum expectations and students may be required to complete general education requirements beyond the minimum upon transfer.

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