

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE (AGS)

The **Associate of General Studies (AGS)** degree is a flexible program designed for students who want to build a broad base of college-level coursework. The AGS includes general education and elective courses that may be tailored to a student's individual interests, goals, or prior credits.

The AGS is often a good option for students who are exploring academic or career pathways, pursuing a specific area of interest, or looking for a customizable degree option. Courses in the AGS may include a combination of transfer and career-technical coursework, depending on the student's plan.

Because the AGS is highly flexible and not designed as a direct transfer pathway, students who may be considering transfer are strongly encouraged to work with an academic advisor (<https://www.mhcc.edu/student-resources/academic-advising/>) and their intended transfer institution early. This helps ensure that course selections align with specific university and major requirements.

Associate of General Studies programs offered at MHCC:

- Health Professions Exploration (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags-health-professions-exploration/>)
- Music (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ags-music/>)
- General Studies

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Mathematics		0-4
Written Communication		3-4
Oral Communication, 1 course		3-4
Arts & Letters, Social Science, and Science / Mathematics / Computer Science		16
Health and Physical Education		1
Electives to reach 90 applicable degree credits		67
Total Credits		90

Mathematics

Fulfill one (1) of the following options:

Code	Title	Credits
Math Placement Level at:		
MTH058	Quantitative Reasoning I	
Completion of:		
MTH020	Applied Arithmetic and Pre-algebra	

Written Communication (p. 1)

Complete one (1) course:

Code	Title	Credits
WR101	Workplace Communications I	3
WR121Z	Composition I	4

WR122Z	Composition II	4
WR227Z	Technical Writing	4

Oral Communication

Complete one (1) course:

Code	Title	Credits
COMM100Z	Introduction to Communication	4
COMM111Z	Public Speaking	4
COMM114	Argument and Critical Discourse	3
COMM115	Introduction to Intercultural Communication 🌐	4
COMM218Z	Interpersonal Communication	4
COMM219	Small Group Communication	3

Arts & Letters, Social Science, and Science / Mathematics / Computer Science

Complete 16 credits total with at least one (1) course from each area:

Arts & Letters

Complete a minimum of one (1) course:

The Associate of General Studies allows more courses to count toward Arts & Letters than other MHCC degrees.

Code	Title	Credits
Art / Art History		
ART115	Basic Design I: Two-Dimensional	4
ART116	Basic Design II: Color Theory	4
ART117	Basic Design III: Three- Dimensional	4
ART204	History of Western Art: Prehistoric - Byzantine	4
ART205	History of Western Art: Medieval - Renaissance	4
ART206	History of Western Art: Baroque - Modern	4
ART211	Survey of Visual Arts 🌐	4
ART215P	Survey in Visual Arts: Photography	3
ART225	Digital Art Toolbox	4
ART226	Digital Drawing and Imaging	4
ART227	Introduction to Animation	4
ART231	Drawing I	4
ART232	Drawing II	4
ART233	Drawing III	4
ART234	Figure Drawing I	4
ART235	Figure Drawing II	4
ART236	Figure Drawing III	4
ART240	Character Design and Illustration	4
ART254	Ceramics I	4
ART255	Ceramics II	4
ART256	Ceramics III	4
ART257	Jewelrymaking/Metalsmithing I	4
ART258	Jewelrymaking/Metalsmithing II	4
ART259	Jewelrymaking/Metalsmithing III	4
ART260	Introduction to Digital Photography	4
ART261	Black and White Film Photography	3
ART262	Intermediate Black and White Film Photography	3
ART271	Printmaking I: Screen Printing and Relief Printing	4

ART272	Printmaking II: Screen, Relief and Intaglio Printmaking	4	HUM202	Ethics in the Workplace 🌐	3
ART273	Printmaking III: Advanced Printmaking	4	Film Appreciation / Studies		
ART281	Painting I	4	FA257	Films and Society 🌐	4
ART282	Painting II	4	FA258	Understanding the Film 🌐	4
ART283	Painting III	4	FA266	Film Directors 🌐	4
ART291	Sculpture I	4	FA270	Film Genres	4
ART292	Sculpture II	4	Intensive English for College and Careers (IECC)		
ART293	Sculpture III	4	IECC201C	Intensive English: Communicate for College and Careers	3
ART294	Watercolor I	4	IECC201R	Intensive English: Advanced Reading	5
ART296	Watercolor II	4	IECC201W	Intensive English: Advanced Writing	5
ART297	Watercolor III	4	Modern Languages		
Communication / Speech (cannot be same course used to fulfill Oral Communication requirement)			ASL101	First-year American Sign Language I	4
COMM100Z	Introduction to Communication	4	ASL102	First-year American Sign Language II	4
COMM111Z	Public Speaking	4	ASL103	First-year American Sign Language III	4
COMM114	Argument and Critical Discourse	3	ASL201	Second-year American Sign Language I 🌐	4
COMM115	Introduction to Intercultural Communication 🌐	4	ASL202	Second-year American Sign Language II 🌐	4
COMM218Z	Interpersonal Communication	4	ASL203	Second-year American Sign Language III 🌐	4
COMM219	Small Group Communication	3	JPN101	First-year Japanese I	5
Creative Writing			JPN102	First-year Japanese II	5
WR240	Creative Writing: Nonfiction	4	JPN103	First-year Japanese III	5
WR241	Creative Writing: Fiction I	4	JPN201	Second-year Japanese I 🌐	5
WR242	Creative Writing: Poetry I	4	JPN202	Second-year Japanese II 🌐	5
WR244	Creative Writing: Poetry II	4	JPN203	Second-year Japanese III 🌐	5
WR245	Creative Writing: Fiction II	4	SPAN101Z	First-year Spanish I	4
WR291A	The Literary Publication I	1	SPAN102Z	First-year Spanish II	4
WR291B	The Literary Publication I	2	SPAN103Z	First-year Spanish III	4
WR292A	The Literary Publication II	1	SPAN111	Beginning Spanish Conversation I	3
WR292B	The Literary Publication II	2	SPAN112	Beginning Spanish Conversation II	3
WR293A	The Literary Publication III	1	SPAN113	Beginning Spanish Conversation III	3
WR293B	The Literary Publication III	2	SPAN201	Second-year Spanish I 🌐	4
English / Literature			SPAN202	Second-year Spanish II 🌐	4
ENG104Z	Introduction to Fiction	4	SPAN203	Second-year Spanish III 🌐	4
ENG105Z	Introduction to Drama	4	SPAN211	Intermediate Spanish Conversation I	1
ENG106Z	Introduction to Poetry	4	SPAN212	Intermediate Spanish Conversation II	1
ENG201	Shakespeare	4	SPAN213	Intermediate Spanish Conversation III	1
ENG204	British Literature I: Old English to Renaissance 🌐	4	Music / Performance		
ENG205	British Literature II: Age of Enlightenment to Present 🌐	4	MUS101	Music Fundamentals	3
ENG212	Latin American Literature	4	MUS103	Jazz History	3
ENG218	Arthurian Legends	4	MUS105	History of Rock	3
ENG222	Women's Literature 🌐	3	MUS111	Music Theory I	3
ENG250	Introduction to Mythology	4	MUS112	Music Theory II	3
ENG253	Survey of American Literature I 🌐	4	MUS113	Music Theory III	3
ENG254	Survey of American Literature II 🌐	4	MUS121	Aural Skills I	1
ENG261	Literature of Science Fiction 🌐	4	MUS122	Aural Skills II	1
ENG271	World Literature: The Classical World (Ancient Literature to 1000 C.E.) 🌐	4	MUS123	Aural Skills III	1
ENG272	World Literature: 1000 to 1800 C.E. 🌐	4	MUS137	Guitar Fundamentals	2
ENG273	World Literature: 1800 C.E. to the Present 🌐	4	MUS138	Intermediate Guitar Class	1
Ethics in the Workplaces			MUS131	Group Piano I	2
			MUS132	Group Piano II	2
			MUS133	Group Piano III	2
			MUS161	Jazz Improvisation	2

MUS162	Jazz Improvisation	2
MUS201	Music in Cinema 🎧	3
MUS211	Music Theory IV 🎧	3
MUS212	Music Theory V 🎧	3
MUS213	Music Theory VI 🎧	3
MUS221	Aural Skills IV: Modulation	1
MUS222	Aural Skills V: Polyphony	1
MUS223	Aural Skills VI: Chromaticism	1
MUS231	Keyboard Harmony I	2
MUS232	Keyboard Harmony II	2
MUS268	Music History: Baroque to Romantic 🎧	4
MUP101	Wind Ensemble: First Year	1
MUS279	Popular Songwriting	3
MUP105	Jazz Ensemble	1
MUP114	Chamber Ensemble/Jazz Combo: First Year	1
MUP115	Collegiate Chorale: First Year	1
MUP121	Symphonic Choir: First Year	1
MUP171-192	Individual Lessons	1-2
MUP271-292	Individual Lessons	1-2
Philosophy		
PHL191	Language and the Layout of Argument	4
PHL201	Introduction to Philosophy 🎧	4
PHL202	Fundamental Ethics 🎧	4
Religion		
R210	World Religions 🎧	3
R211	History of the Old Testament 🎧	3
R212	History of the New Testament 🎧	3
Theatre Arts		
TA101	Appreciating Theatre	3
TA106	Theatre History: Origins to the Renaissance 🎧	3
TA107	Theatre History: Restoration to Contemporary 🎧	3
TA121	Costuming 🎧	3
TA141	Acting Fundamentals I	3
TA142	Acting Fundamentals II	3
TA143	Acting Fundamentals III	3
TA144	Improvisation	3
TA148	Movement for the Actor	3

Social Science

Complete a minimum of one (1) course:

The Associate of General Studies degree allows more courses to count toward Social Sciences than other MHCC degrees.

Code	Title	Credits
General Social Science		
SSC100	Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship	4
Anthropology		
ANTH201	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	4
ANTH202	Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory 🎧	4
ANTH203	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 🎧	4
ANTH240	Language and Culture 🎧	4

Communication		
COMM115	Introduction to Intercultural Communication 🎧 (if taken summer 2021 or later)	4
Economics		
EC115	Introduction to Economics	3
EC201Z	Principles of Microeconomics	4
EC202Z	Principles of Macroeconomics	4
Geography		
GEOG105	Introduction to Physical Geography	3
GEOG106	Introduction to World Regional Geography 🎧	3
GEOG107	Introduction to Cultural Geography 🎧	3
GEOG202	The Geography of Europe 🎧	3
GEOG206	Geography of Oregon 🎧	3
GEOG209	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa 🎧	3
GEOG214	Geography of Mexico and Central America 🎧	3
GEOG290	Environmental Problems and Restoration	3
History		
HST101	Western Civilization: Ancient and Classical Europe 🎧	4
HST102	Western Civilization: Medieval and Early Modern Europe 🎧	4
HST103	Western Civilization: Modern Europe 🎧	4
HST110	Ancient World History 🎧	4
HST111	Medieval World History 🎧	4
HST112	Modern World History 🎧	4
HST195	History of the Vietnam War 🎧	4
HST201Z	United States History I 🎧	4
HST202Z	United States History II 🎧	4
HST203Z	United States History III 🎧	4
HST204	Women in U.S. History 🎧	4
HST225	Women in World History 🎧	4
HST237	America in the 1960s 🎧	4
HST240	History of Oregon 🎧	4
HST264	African-American History: 1500 - 1870s 🎧	4
HST265	African-American History: 1870 - Present 🎧	4
International Studies		
INTL101	Introduction to International Studies 🎧	4
Journalism		
J211	Introduction to Mass Communications	3
Music History		
MUS103	Jazz History (if taken summer 2020 or later)	3
MUS105	History of Rock (if taken summer 2020 or later)	3
MUS201	Music in Cinema 🎧	3
MUS268	Music History: Baroque to Romantic 🎧 (if taken summer 2020 or later)	4
MUS279	Popular Songwriting	3
Political Science		
PS200	Introduction to Political Science	4
PS201	American Government	4
PS203	State and Local Governments	4
PS204	Introduction to Comparative Politics	4

PS205	International Relations 🌐	4
PS209	Problems in American Politics	4
PS215	Global Issues	4
PS217	Introduction to Public Land Management: The Politics of Recreation	3
PS225	Political Ideology: Ideas About Government	4
PS241	Introduction to Political Terrorism	4

Psychology

PSY101	Psychology of Human Relations	3
PSY151	Introduction to the Social Sciences	3
PSY201Z	Introduction to Psychology I	4
PSY202Z	Introduction to Psychology II	4
PSY214	Introduction to Personality 🌐	4
PSY216	Social Psychology	3
PSY231	Human Sexuality	3
PSY232	Sexuality and Society 🌐	3
PSY237	Human Development	4
PSY239	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	4

Sociology

SOC204Z	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOC205Z	Social Change and Institutions	4
SOC206Z	Social Problems	4
SOC213	Race Relations in the United States 🌐	4
SOC215	Gender and Society 🌐	3
SOC216	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC223	Sociology of Aging	3

Theatre History

TA106	Theatre History: Origins to the Renaissance 🌐 (if taken summer 2021 or later)	3
TA107	Theatre History: Restoration to Contemporary 🌐 (if taken summer 2021 or later)	3

Women's Studies

WS101	Introduction to Women's Studies 🌐	3
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World Literature

ENG271	World Literature: The Classical World (Ancient Literature to 1000 C.E.) 🌐 (if taken summer 2020 or later)	4
ENG272	World Literature: 1000 to 1800 C.E. 🌐 (if taken summer 2020 or later)	4
ENG273	World Literature: 1800 C.E. to the Present 🌐 (if taken summer 2020 or later)	4

Science/Math/Computer Science

Complete a minimum of one (1) course:

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Code	Title	Credits
General Science		
GS104	Physical Science - Physics	4
GS105	Environmental Chemistry †	4
or GS105A	Chemistry for the Consumer	
or GS105B	Chemistry of Food and Cooking	

GS106	Physical Science: Geology	4
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Astronomy

PH104	Descriptive Astronomy	4
PH109C	Observational Astronomy	3
PH121	General Astronomy	3
PH122	General Astronomy	3
PH123	General Astronomy	3

Biology / Anatomy

BI100	Survey of Body Systems	4
BI101	General Biology: Cellular Biology	4
BI102	General Biology: Molecular Biology	4
BI103	General Biology: Ecology and Evolution ¹	4
BI112	Biology for Health Professions	5
BI132	Introduction to Animal Behavior (formerly BI103; cannot be repeated for credit) ¹	4
BI133	Northwest Forest Ecology (formerly BI103; cannot be repeated for credit) ¹	4
BI121	Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BI122	Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BI221Z	Principles of Biology: Cells	5
BI222Z	Principles of Biology: Organisms	5
BI223Z	Principles of Biology: Ecology and Evolution	5
BI231Z	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BI232Z	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BI233Z	Human Anatomy and Physiology III	4
BI234	Microbiology	4

Chemistry

CH104Z & CH124Z	Introduction to Chemistry and Introduction to Chemistry Lab	5
CH105	Organic Chemistry for Health Professions	5
CH106	Biological Chemistry for Health Professions	5
CH150Z	Preparatory Chemistry	4
CH221Z & CH227Z	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	5
CH222Z & CH228Z	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	5
CH223Z & CH229Z	General Chemistry III and General Chemistry III Laboratory	5
CH241	Organic Chemistry I	5
CH242	Organic Chemistry II	5
CH243	Organic Chemistry III	5

Computer Science

BA231	Introduction to Management Information Systems	4
CIS120	Computer Concepts I	3
CIS120L	Computer Concepts Lab I	1
CIS276	SQL	4
CS160	Computer Science Orientation	4
CS161	Computer Science I	4
CS162	Computer Science II	4
CS250	Discrete Structures I	4
CS251	Discrete Structures II	4
CS260	Data Structures	4

Engineering

ENGR201	Electrical Fundamentals I	5
ENGR211	Statics	4
ENGR212	Dynamics	4
ENGR213	Strength of Materials	4
GE101	Engineering Orientation	4
GE102	Engineering Computations	3
GE115	Engineering Graphics	3
Fish, Wildlife, Natural Resources		
F240	Natural Resources Ecology	4
FW252	Mammals: Biology and Techniques	4
FW253	Field Ornithology	4
Geology		
G148B	Volcanoes and Their Activity (contains a lab component; formerly G148, cannot be repeated for credit) ²	4
G148C	Volcanoes and Their Activity (non-lab science; formerly G148, cannot be repeated for credit) ²	3
G165	Regional Field Geology	3
G201	Principles of Physical Geology 1	4
G202	Principles of Physical Geology 2	4
G203	Principles of Historical Geology	4
Mathematics		
MTH105Z	Math in Society	4
MTH111Z	Precalculus I: Functions	4
MTH112Z	Precalculus II: Trigonometry	4
MTH211	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I	4
MTH212	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics II	4
MTH213	Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics III	4
MTH251Z	Differential Calculus	4
MTH252Z	Integral Calculus	4
MTH253Z	Calculus: Sequences and Series	4
MTH254	Calculus IV: Multivariable/Vector Calculus Part 1	5
MTH255	Calculus V: Multivariable/Vector Calculus Part 2	4
MTH256	Differential Equations	5
MTH261	Linear Algebra	4
STAT243Z	Elementary Statistics I	4
STAT244	Elementary Statistics II	4
Nutrition		
FN225	Nutrition	4
Physics		
PH201	General Physics I	5
PH202	General Physics II	5
PH203	General Physics III	5
PH211	General Physics with Calculus I	5
PH212	General Physics with Calculus II	5
PH213	General Physics with Calculus III	5

‡ Students may receive credit toward credential completion for **one** of the GS105 course options.

¹ BI103 used to be taught as BI103A, 103B, 103C, etc. BI103B became BI132; BI103D became BI133. Students may receive credit toward credential completion for only **one** of the following: BI103, BI103A, BI103B, BI103C, BI103D, BI132, or BI133.

² Students may receive credit toward credential completion for **one** of the G148 options.

Health and Physical Education

Complete one (1) credit:

Code	Title	Credits
HE151	Drug Education: Stimulants and Performance Enhancing Drugs	3
HE152	Drug Education: Opioids, Cannabis, Depressants and Hallucinogens	3
HE202	Adult Development and Aging	1
HE204	Nutrition for Health	3
HE205	Diet Appraisal	1
HE207	Stress Control Through Activity Intervention	1
HE209	Sport and Exercise Nutrition	1
HE208	HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections	1
HE/FN225	Nutrition (FN225, if taken summer 2021 or later)	4
HE242	Stress and the Human Body	3
HE250	Personal Health and Wellness	3
HE251	Wilderness First Aid	2
HE252	First Aid: Responding to Emergencies	3
HE255	Alcohol and the Family	3
HE261	CPR - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1
HE262	Basic Life Support	1
HE265	Women's Health	3
HE289	Wilderness First Responder	4
HPE110	Teambuilding and Group Facilitation	3
HPE120	Introduction to Navigation	1
HPE170	Structure and Function of the Human Body	3
HPE172	Exercise Science	3
HPE174	Fitness Assessment and Programming	3
HPE260	Prevention and Care of Exercise-Related Injuries	3
HPE270	Introduction to Sport Psychology	3
HPE285OL	Wilderness Survival	3
HE289L	Wilderness First Responder Part- 2	2
HE289R	Wilderness First Responder - Recertification	2
HPE291	Lifeguard Training	2
HPE295	Health and Fitness for Life	3
PE131	Introduction to Exercise and Sports Science	3
PE185__	PE185 activity course ¹	1

¹ Three (3) credit hours of PE185 may be granted toward an associate degree at MHCC for completion of military basic training. A copy of the DD214 form or a Joint Services Transcript is required.

Electives

Complete electives to reach a total of 90 degree credits.

- Elective courses for the AGS may be any course numbered 100 or above.
- No more than 30 credits of one discipline may apply as elective.

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- A maximum of 8 credits of PE185, 25 credit hours of IECC courses numbered 100 or higher, and 12 credits of Cooperative Education Internship may be applied to the AGS degree as elective credit.