

GENERAL STUDIES: A.A., A.S.

Our Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) in General Studies is a 64-credit program that is designed to allow students with a variety of college credits and life experiences without a completed degree to quickly complete an associate degree and move into a bachelor's degree program at the university. This is accomplished by maximizing transferrable credit and prior learning assessment, not requiring an area of concentration, and requires a minimum of 12 credits taken at Empire State University.

The broad approach of the program makes it possible for students to explore their academic interests without having to define a disciplinary focus, while laying a foundation for the next step in their educational path.

For more information about general undergraduate degree requirements, please visit Earning an Undergraduate Degree (<http://catalog.esc.edu/undergraduate/earning-undergraduate-degree/>).

This program allows for a maximum of 52 transfer and life experience credits with a minimum of 12 credits earned at Empire State University for a total of 64 credits.

Of these 64 credits, 30 must meet SUNY General Education requirements. (<http://catalog.esc.edu/undergraduate/earning-undergraduate-degree/gened/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Maximum Transfer/Prior Learning Credits		52
Minimum Residency Requirements:		
Required Course #1:	Educational Planning	4
Required Course #2:	Elective	4
Required Course #3:	Elective	4
Total Credits		64

Specific credit requirements for the two degrees are specified below.

Degree	Total Credits Required	Minimum Credits to be Earned at ESC	Minimum Liberal Arts and Sciences Credits Required	Minimum General Education Credits	Minimum Advanced level Credit in Concentration	Minimum Advanced level Credits in Degree Program
A.A. in General Studies	64	12	48	30	NA	NA
A.S. in General Studies	64	12	32	30	NA	NA

- Students will be able to examine potential college-level learning completed outside of a traditional college setting.

- Students will be able to demonstrate the breadth and progression in college level learning.
- Students will be able to fulfill the SUNY general education requirements in at least seven content areas, with a minimum of 30 credits.
- Students will be able to document all required components of a completed degree plan.
- Students will be able to describe future academic and professional goals through educational planning.