



COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCES

# ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN GENERAL EDUCATION

## Broaden Your Horizons

Expand your knowledge and develop your skillset by enrolling in the Associate of Science in General Education program at National University. In the AS in General Education program, you'll gain writing and mathematical skills and explore subject matter such as humanities, information literacy, and science and social science disciplines. You'll also address the cultural diversity of contemporary society.

Students in the general education program are advised to focus on writing and speech communication first. Students are then counseled to explore mathematical and other formal systems to develop abstract reasoning abilities and are encouraged to take a course in informational literacy. Finally, all students are required to have exposure to the natural sciences, the humanities,

fine arts, language, and the social and behavioral sciences. Many of these courses include an examination of the human condition in a multicultural society.

### Program highlights:

- Demonstrate skills for self-development that contribute to lifelong learning
- Gain the skills to create effective research projects and presentations
- Understand ethical issues in different disciplines and explore cultural diversity throughout history

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## MAJOR IN GENERAL EDUCATION

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The Associate of Science (AS) degree is designed to give students a solid foundation for continuing professional and traditional studies as well as continued intellectual growth.

### General Education Program Requirements

To receive the AS degree in General Education, students must complete at least 90 quarter units, 31.5 of which must be taken in residence at National University. Of the 90 units required, 70.5 must fall into the areas of General Education as listed below. A list of courses for each category can be found in the General Education section of the catalog under General Education for Bachelor Degrees. In the absence of transfer credit, additional general elective courses may be taken to fulfill the total unit requirement for the degree.

The General Education program consists of a minimum of 70.5 quarter units. Of the 70.5 units, students must complete at least 4.5 units at the upper-division level and 4.5 units in diversity-enriched coursework. A plus [+] indicates a diversity-enriched offering.

Students are urged to meet english and mathematics requirements as early as possible in their college studies to avoid serious difficulties in other coursework. Refer to the section on Undergraduate Admission Procedures for specific information regarding application and placement evaluation.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate skills for self-development that contribute to lifelong learning.
- Demonstrate literacy in written and oral communication.
- Apply information literacy skills in developing research projects and presentations.
- Demonstrate a capacity for responsible citizenship in a diverse society.
- Demonstrate awareness of past and present human and cultural diversity.
- Identify ethical issues raised in different disciplines.
- Demonstrate scientific and quantitative literacy skills in appraising information and solving problems.
- Demonstrate the ability to use the elements of critical thinking to analyze issues, solve problems, and make decisions.
- Demonstrate the ability to work successfully in a team.

### AREA A: ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

(Minimum 15 quarter units)

### AREA B: MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING

(Minimum 9.0 quarter units)

### AREA C: INFORMATION LITERACY

(Minimum 4.5 quarter units)

### AREA D: ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND LANGUAGE

(Minimum 9 quarter units over at least 2 areas)

### AREA E: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

(Minimum 13.5 quarter units)

### AREA F: PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

(Minimum 18 quarter units required)

### AREA G: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF DEVELOPMENT

(Minimum 4.5 quarter units)

### AREA A-G: GENERAL EDUCATION

(Minimum 4.5 quarter units)