



# Associate of Arts in General Studies Degree Program

## **American Baptist College Mission Statement**

The Mission of American Baptist College, a Historically Black College, is to educate, graduate, and prepare diverse students with a liberal arts emphasis for Christian Leadership, service and social justice in the world.

## **Associate of Arts in General Studies Program Description**

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree is a sixty-hour (60) program designed to give students the opportunity to explore a variety of fields, including psychology, history, literature, social science, human services, math and computers. Students are required to take a variety of courses in order to become better prepared to enroll in a bachelor's degree program. This 2-year degree program is designed for students who have not decided on a particular field of study or career path yet. The Associate of Arts in General Studies also prepares graduates to enter the workforce, through the acquisition of writing and interpersonal skills, use of online technology, a grasp of general concepts for critical thinking and problem solving; all of which can prepare them for careers in fields as diverse as customer service, office management, teaching assistants, community workers, and sales.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

- Integrate intellectual and practical skills for civic engagement, ethical reasoning, teamwork, and problem solving.
- Communicate information and concepts using credible sources to support a topic or argument orally or in writing.
- Distinguish the ways in which quantitative literacy, art and culture, and the scientific process influence human experience and perspective.

## Organization and Use of this Document

The requirements to fulfill the curriculum for the Associate of Arts are included under the core courses curriculum and as necessary students can also take enhancement courses.

**Section One - Core Courses.** Core courses are required and count towards the Associate of Arts degree. These courses are organized into six (6) Core Clusters: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Math and Natural Science, Fine Arts and Modern Language, Foundation Studies and Electives. Students must complete 60 hours of Core Courses.

**Please note:**

1. Although the same course may fall under different areas -- Core Curriculum, the Major, and Concentration-- a student *will not* be able use one course to satisfy all three requirements. A course can only be used to satisfy one area of requirement.
2. The classes listed here as substitutions/equivalent classes *are not exhaustive*; and probably do not represent all the classes that have been offered here at American Baptist College. Any class on a student's transcript not listed here should be brought to the attention of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Life for approval.

***Total hours to complete for Associate of Arts degree is 60 semester credit hours***

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**(60 Semester Credit Hours)**

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**1. Humanities Core Courses Cluster**

A total of seven (7) Humanities Core Courses are required in English (4 courses) and Introduction to Christian Faith (3 courses).

**A. Four (4) English Courses = 12 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>EN 101</b>	<b>English Composition I (Required)</b>			
<b>EN 102</b>	<b>English Composition II (Required)</b>			

**English Core Courses (select two (2)):**

- EN 201 Intro Literature
- EN 304 African, African American & Caribbean Literature
- EN 212 Fundamentals of Speech
- EN 310 Spiritual Autobiography

**B. Three (3) Intro to Christian Faith Courses = 9 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>OT 101</b>	<b>Old Testament Survey (Required)</b>			
<b>NT 102</b>	<b>New Testament Survey (Required)</b>			
<b>TH 102</b>	<b>Survey of Christian Doctrine (Required)</b>			

## 2). Social and Behavior Core Courses Cluster

A total of four (4) Social and Behavior Core Courses are required.

### A. Four (4) Courses = 12 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>HI 101</b>	<b>Development of Western Culture (Required)</b>			
<b>PY 101</b>	<b>Introduction to Psychology (Required)</b>			
<b>SO 112</b>	<b>Introduction to Sociology (Required)</b>			
<b>CE 410</b>	<b>Sexuality and the Black Church (Required)</b>			

- Can transfer History, Psychology, and Sociology courses only

## 3). Math and Natural Science Core Courses Cluster

A total of four (4) Core Courses are required in Math, Health, Science, Business, or Environment.

### A. Two (2) Math Courses = 6 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

#### Math Core Courses (select two (2)):

- GS 205A Financial Literacy
- GS 210 Math and Personal Finances

### B. One (1) Science Course = 3 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

#### Science Core Course (select one (1)):

- GS 112 Issues in Science and Religion

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**C. One (1) Additional Math and Science Course = 3 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

**Science or Business Core Courses (select one (1)):**

- BU 200 Business Finance and Math
- Can transfer Math & Science and Business & Computers courses only

**4). Fine Arts and Modern Language Core Courses Cluster**

A total of two (2) Core Courses are required in Photography, Music, & Foreign Language

**A. Two (2) Art and Language Courses = 6 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

**Any Art or Language Core Courses (select two (2)):**

- ML 101 Elementary Spanish
- BL 202 Intro to Biblical Languages and Principles of Exegesis
- BL 311 Elementary New Testament Greek
- BL 321 Elementary Biblical Hebrew
- CM 103 Intro to Church Music
- CM 205 Black Church Sacred Music
- CM 250 Music Theory
- CM 302 Hymnology
- Can transfer Language and Music courses only

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### 5). Foundational Studies Core Courses Cluster

A total of two (2) Core Courses are required in Foundational Studies

#### A. Two (2) Foundational Studies Courses = 6 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
PS 105A	<b>Foundations of Vocation and College Readiness (Required)</b>			
CS 322	<b>Field Education (Required)</b>			

- **CS322 Field Education.** The Field Education Placement offers students the opportunity to reflect and discuss vocational and theological questions necessary for effective leadership. It involves supervised hands-on experience (e.g., interning in a church, homeless or battered women's shelter, prison, social agency, school). Required for all students.

### 6). Elective Courses Cluster

A total of one (1) Core Courses can be chosen from any Elective course

#### A. One (1) Elective Courses = 3 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

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