

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES

An Associate of General Studies from Fort Hays State University is designed to allow currently enrolled FHSU students whose personal and professional plans have evolved during their time at the university to engage in focused study in one of fourteen emphasis areas, building upon the work they have already done while developing specialized skills that will prepare them either for a four-year college degree or a professional career.

Program Requirements for the Associate of General Studies

The AGS program is an excellent choice for the person who would like to return to earn his or her college degree.

To earn an Associate of General Studies degree, you will only need to complete 60 credit hours. The degree allows for 14 hours of free electives and 12 hours in your area of emphasis. (The Associate of General Studies with an emphasis in Massage Therapy requires the completion of the 32-hour massage therapy certificate).

General Requirements

- A minimum grade point average of 2.0.
- A minimum of 15 credit hours of graded coursework from FHSU.

Concentration Requirements

- Area of Concentration (12 Credit Hours)
All students completing an Associate of General Studies must fulfill the requirements of a 12-credit-hour concentration [An emphasis in Massage Therapy requires the completion of the 32 hour massage therapy certificate]. For details about concentrations, see the Associate of General Studies Areas of Concentration (<https://www.fhsu.edu/ags/areas-of-emphasis/>) webpage.

General Education Requirements

Recent changes to the FHSU General Education Program have necessitated changes to the general education requirements for the AGS.

Students starting the AGS program in Fall 2024 or later must complete the newly revised FHSU General Education Program (<https://www.fhsu.edu/general-education/documents/fhsu-kbor-general-education-framework.pdf>).

Students who have already begun the AGS program and have continuous enrollment at FHSU can choose to complete the newly revised FHSU General Education program or the AGS General Education Requirements in place when they started.

Students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree upon obtaining the AGS are encouraged to discuss those plans with their advisor. Many programs have courses required that can be chosen for the General Education and free elective options.

or COMM 304 Intermediate Interpersonal Communication	
Mathematics Discipline Area ¹	3
Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area ^{1,2}	4
Arts & Humanities Discipline Area (2 courses from different disciplines) ¹	6
Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area (2 courses from different disciplines) ¹	6
Personal & Professional Development Area ¹	3
Critical Thinking Area ¹	3
Area of Emphasis	
Select 12 Hours of courses ³	12
Free Electives	
Select 14 hours of courses	14
Total Hours	60

¹ See General Education Document (<https://www.fhsu.edu/general-education/documents/fhsu-kbor-general-education-framework.pdf>) for course list.

² 1 lab and 1 lecture course or 1 lecture/lab combination course.

³ The Associate of General Studies with an emphasis in Massage Therapy requires the completion of the 32 hour massage therapy certificate.

Degree Requirements

All associate degrees require:

GPA of 2.0 on FHSU courses & 2.0 on all coursework (Higher program requirements prevail over the 2.0 when set)

A minimum of 15 hours earned from FHSU with a grade of D, C, B, or A

Code	Title	Hours
FHSU General Education Program		
ENG 101 & ENG 102	English Composition I and English Composition II	6
COMM 100	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3