CHAPTER 7

GENERAL EDUCATION
All Prince George’s Community College degree recipients have satisfied the requirements of their programs of study. The requirements include transferable general education courses that are specified for each program of study and provide the academic background that every student receiving an associate degree should have. If a student changes his or her program of study, the required general education courses also may change, in which case previously taken general education courses may not satisfy the requirements for the new program of study (The approved courses for each category are listed on pages 59–62.)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) AND ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (A.S.)
The A.A. and A.S. degrees parallel the first two years of bachelor’s degree study and transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Students who plan to transfer are urged to meet with a Prince George’s Community College advisor as early as possible to ensure that all or most of their course credits will transfer to the four-year institution of their choice. For more information about transfer opportunities, see Chapter 10. In addition to the courses in their major area of study, students need to take a minimum of 31 credit hours of general education courses that include the following. Some programs recommend or require specific courses to fulfill general education requirements or may not require courses in all the categories below. Please check your program’s sequence of study for this information. Additionally, a minimum of 18 credits of general education and/or program requirements must be taken at the 2000-level unless otherwise noted in the program sequence.

ENGLISH ................................................................. 6 CREDITS
  • Two English composition courses

HUMANITIES ............................................................. 6 CREDITS
  • One specified speech course
  • One course, other than speech, selected from approved Humanities general education list

MATHEMATICS ............................................................ 3 CREDITS
  • One specified mathematics course

SCIENCE ................................................................. 7 CREDITS
  • Two science courses, one of which must carry laboratory credit

SOCIAL SCIENCES ...................................................... 6 CREDITS
  • Two courses from two different Social Science disciplines

COMPUTER LITERACY .................................................. 0–3 CREDITS
  • INT-1010 or exemption if not required for program of study

| Total minimum general education course credit hours needed | 31 credits |
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.)

Programs of study for an A.A.S. degree are designed for employment and career advancement within a particular area of study. These programs are not designed to parallel the first two years of study for a bachelor’s degree, but many of the courses in A.A.S. programs will transfer to four-year institutions. Students should consult with a Prince George’s Community College advisor to determine which courses transfer. For more information about transfer opportunities, see Chapter 10. In addition to the courses in their major area of study, students need to take a minimum of 21 to 25 credit hours of general education courses that include the following. Some programs recommend or require specific courses to fulfill general education requirements or may not require courses in all the categories below. Please check your program’s sequence of study for this information. Additionally, a minimum of 18 credits of general education and/or program requirements must be taken at the 2000-level unless otherwise noted in the program sequence.

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION.** ................................................................. 6 CREDITS

- Two English composition courses

**HUMANITIES.** ..................................................... 3 CREDITS

- One 3-credit course from approved Humanities general education list

**MATHEMATICS.** ................................................................. 3 CREDITS

- One from approved Mathematics general education list

**SCIENCE.** ................................................................. 3–4 CREDITS

- One 3- or 4-credit course from approved Science general education list

**SOCIAL SCIENCES.** ................................................................. 3 CREDITS

- One 3-credit course from approved Social Sciences general education list

**COMPUTER LITERACY.** ................................................................. 0–3 CREDITS

- INT-1010 or exemption if not required for the program of study

| Total minimum general education course credit hours needed | 25 credits |
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING (A.A.T.)
A.A.T. degrees are offered in early childhood education, elementary education, and secondary education. An A.A.T. degree provides the first two years of courses and other qualifications that a student needs to meet the entrance requirements to colleges of education in the state of Maryland. For more information about transfer opportunities, see Chapter 10. A 2.75 GPA and a passing score (state of Maryland criteria) on the PRAXIS I exam are required for this degree. Following is the list of required general education courses and credits. Some programs recommend or require specific courses to fulfill general education requirements or may not require courses in all the categories below. Please check your program's sequence of study for this information. Additionally, a minimum of 18 credits of general education and/or program requirements must be taken at the 2000-level unless otherwise noted in the program sequence.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION ................................................................. 6 CREDITS

HUMANITIES ............................................................................... 6 CREDITS
- One eligible integrated arts course
- Interpersonal Communication

MATHEMATICS ............................................................................. 3–12 CREDITS
- Elementary education A.A.T. requires 12 credits
- Secondary education A.A.T. requires 3–6 credits

SCIENCE ...................................................................................... 7–12 CREDITS
- Elementary education A.A.T. requires 12 credits
- Secondary education A.A.T. requires 7–8 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCES ................................................................. 9 CREDITS
- American History
- General Psychology
- United States Government

COMPUTER LITERACY ............................................................... 0–3 CREDITS
- INT-1010 or exemption if not required for the program of study

HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION ........................................... 3 CREDITS

| Total minimum general education course credit hours needed | 34–51 credits |
**GENERAL EDUCATION LIST**

General education courses are sufficiently broad in nature and scope to fulfill the intent of the general education requirements. The approved courses for general education are listed here for easy reference. Courses that are not approved for general education use will not be counted toward satisfying the general education requirements. Some programs recommend or require specific courses to fulfill general education requirements or may not require courses in all the categories below. Please check your program’s sequence of study for this information. **Note:** If a student changes his or her program of study, some general education courses may not be applicable to the new program of study. A student must consult the sequence of study for his or her new program of study to determine which general education courses are required or recommended.

**COMPUTER LITERACY**

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
- INT-1010  Introduction to Information Technology 3

**COMPOSITION**

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION I**
- EGL-1010  Composition I: Expository Writing1 3

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION II**

Students may select only one of the following courses to meet the general education requirement for Composition II.
- EGL-1020  Composition II: Writing About Literature 3
- EGL-1100  Composition II: Writing About Issues and Ideas 3
- EGL-1320  Composition II: Writing for Business 3
- EGL-1340  Composition II: Writing About Technical Topics 3

**HUMANITIES**

Courses in this list fulfill General Education Humanities requirements listed in your program of study. They also may fulfill General Education Social Science or Humanities requirements.
- ART-1010  Introduction to Art 3
- ART-2700  Art Survey I 3
- ART-2710  Art Survey II 3
- ART-2720  African American Art 3
- ART-2730  Integrated Arts 3
- BMT-2750  Leadership Development 3
- MUS-1010  Music Appreciation 3
- MUS-2050  Survey of Music Literature 3
- PHL-1010  Introduction to Philosophy: The Art of Questioning 3
- PHL-1090  Introduction to Logic 3
- PHL-1330  Ethics 3
- THE-1010  Introduction to the Theatre 3

1 **EGL-1011**, part of the Accelerated Learning Program, is equivalent to EGL-1010 and fulfills the General Education English Composition I requirement.
FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- ARB-1000  Arabic for Beginners 3
- ARB-1010  Elementary Arabic 3
- CHN-1000  Chinese for Beginners 3
- CHN-1010  Elementary Chinese 3
- FRN-1010  French for Beginners 3
- FRN-1020  French for Advanced Beginners 3
- FRN-2010  Intermediate French I 3
- FRN-2020  Intermediate French II 3
- FRN-2040  Advanced Conversation 3
- SPN-1010  Spanish for Beginners 3
- SPN-1020  Spanish for Advanced Beginners 3
- SPN-2010  Intermediate Spanish I 3
- SPN-2020  Intermediate Spanish II 3
- SPN-2040  Advanced Conversation 3

LITERATURE

Literature courses must be selected from among the following:
EGL-2010, 2030, 2050, 2070, 2090, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140, 2170, 2210, 2230, 2250, 2320, 2330, 2370, 2390, 2410, 2430, 2440, 2500, 2600

SPEECH

Courses in this list fulfill General Education Speech requirements listed in your program of study.

- SPH-1010  Introduction to Speech Communication 3
- SPH-1050  Group Communication and Leadership 3
- SPH-1090  Interpersonal Communication 3
- SPH-1110  Public Speaking 3

MATHEMATICS

Courses in this list fulfill General Education Math requirements listed in your program of study.

- MAT-1050  Elements of Mathematics 4
- MAT-1120  Finite Mathematics 3
- MAT-1130  Mathematics for the Liberal Arts 3
- MAT-1140  Introduction to Statistics 3
- MAT-1150  Quantitative Modeling and Reasoning 5
- MAT-1190  Probability 3
- MAT-1340  Trigonometry with Applications to Technology 3
- MAT-1350  College Algebra and Trigonometry I 3
- MAT-1360  Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry 4
- MAT-1370  Precalculus 5
- MAT-2160  Applied Calculus I 3
- MAT-2210  Statistics 3
- MAT-2410  Calculus I 4
- MAT-2420  Calculus II 4
SCIENCE

WITH LAB

Courses in this list fulfill General Education Lab Science requirements in your program of study. Any of these courses may also be taken to fulfill General Education Science requirements.

- BIO-1010 General Biology 4
- BIO-1020 General Plant Biology 4
- BIO-1080 Reproduction Biology 4
- BIO-1100 Forensic Biology 4
- BIO-1110 Environmental Biology 3
  with BIO-1120 Environmental Biology Laboratory 1
- BIO-1130 Principles of Biology: Evolution, Ecology and Behavior 4
- BIO-1140 Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology 4
- BIO-2050 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4
- BIO-2060 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4
- CHM-1010 General Chemistry I 4
- GEO-1010 Physical Geography 3
  with GEO-1020 Physical Geography Laboratory 1
- PHY-1010 Introductory Physics I 4
- PHY-1570 Technical Physics for Engineering Technology 4
- PSC-1010 Introduction to Astronomy 3
  with PSC-1020 Introduction to Astronomy Laboratory 1
- PSC-1050 Introduction to Physical Geology 3
  with PSC-1060 Physical Geology Laboratory 1
- PSC-1200 Exploring Chemistry and Physics Concepts 4
- PSC-1210 Exploring Earth and Space Science Concepts 4

WITHOUT LAB

This list contains the selections for General Education Science requirements.

- BIO-1110 Environmental Biology 3
- GEO-1010 Physical Geography 3
- PSC-1050 Introduction to Physical Geology 3
- NTR-1010 Introductory Nutrition 3
- NTR-1100 Introduction to Food Science 3
- PHY-1030 General Physics I 3

1 Geography 1010 by itself can be used to fulfill either the science or social science general education requirement. If taken with Geography 1020, Geography 1010 can be used to fulfill the general education lab science requirement.
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Courses in this list fulfill General Education Social Science requirements in your program of study.

- ANT-1010  Introductory Physical Anthropology 3
- ANT-1030  Introductory Cultural Anthropology 3
- ECN-1030  Principles of Macroeconomics 3
- ECN-2040  Principles of Microeconomics 3
- GEO-1000  Introduction to Geography as a Social Science 3
- GEO-10101  Physical Geography 3
- POS-1000  Introduction to Politics 3
- POS-1010  American National Government 3
- POS-1020  State and Local Government 3
- PSY-1010  General Psychology 3
- PSY-2010  Personality and Adjustment 3
- PSY-2030  Child Psychology 3
- PSY-2040  Adolescent Psychology 3
- PSY-2070  Human Growth and Development 3
- PSY-2080  Abnormal Psychology 3
- PSY-2130  Forensic Psychology 3
- PSY-2190  Social Psychology 3
- SOC-1010  Introduction to Sociology 3
- SOC-2010  Social Problems 3
- WMS-1010  Introduction to Women’s Studies 3

HISTORY

Courses in this list fulfill General Education History requirements listed in your program of study.

- HST-1310  Ancient and Medieval History 3
- HST-1320  Modern History 3
- HST-1370  The World in the Twentieth Century 3
- HST-1410  History of the United States I 3
- HST-1430  History of the United States II 3
- HST-1510  History of African Americans I 3
- HST-1530  History of African Americans II 3
- HST-2160  The Modern Middle East 3
- HST-2230  History of Latin America and the Caribbean 3
- HST-2470  African History 3

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If taken with Geography 1020, Geography 1010 can be used to fulfill the general education lab science requirement.
STUDENT CORE COMPETENCIES
General education courses support the outcomes of specific degree programs and demonstrate the college’s commitment to ensuring that all graduates of these programs have met the Student Core Competencies. Attaining these knowledge, skills, and values identifies an individual as a college graduate. Students who successfully complete degree programs (A.A., A.S., A.A.T., or A.A.S.) at Prince George’s Community College will demonstrate college level competency in:

- Communication
- Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning
- Critical Reasoning
- Information Literacy
- Culture
- Ethics

These six Student Core Competencies are measured by seventeen measurable outcomes that are embedded in courses across the curriculum, and are directly addressed in general education courses. These measurable outcomes also are our Institutional Learning Goals. For a complete explanation of the Student Core Competencies and measurable outcomes see pages 263–266.