

## **General Studies (Certificate)**

The Certificate in General Studies provides a strong initial grounding in liberal education. Upon completion, students are prepared to successfully meet transfer requirements at most four-year universities and have the knowledge and skills frequently identified by employers as being desirable qualities in an employee. The certificate program may be taken by students who wish to eventually pursue an associate/baccalaureate degree, or by students who only wish to expand their personal knowledge and do not intend to obtain a more advanced degree.

To receive this certificate, the student must:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better in all credit hours used toward the certificate.
- Earn a “C” or better in English 1013 and 1023.
- Complete the course work listed below.

### **Program Outcomes. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:**

1. Communicate in standard edited English, write and speak with clarity, coherence, and persuasiveness.
2. Recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, understand, and analyze a variety of texts and apply that learning to academic, personal, and professional contexts.
3. Comprehend and apply quantitative and scientific principles, concepts and methods.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the creative process, the pleasures and challenges of artistic expression, and the role and value of the arts in society and culture.
5. Think critically, independently, and creatively so that they can make ethical, informed and logical judgments of the arguments of others, arrive at reasoned and meaningful arguments and positions, and formulate and apply ideas to new contexts.

### **PROGRAM OF STUDY**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 1013            English Composition I	3
Any Gen-Ed. Mathematics	3
Any Gen-Ed. Social Science at the 2000 level <sup>1</sup>	3
Any Gen-Ed. Fine Arts	3
Any Gen-Ed. Natural Science	3
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<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 1023            English Composition II	3
Any Gen-Ed. Humanities, Mathematics/Analytical Reasoning, Natural Science, or Social Science	3
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Certificate Elective (any course)	3
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Total Program Credits	<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup>ECON 2113 may not be used with either ECON 2213 or ECON 2223

For more information, contact the Division of Liberal Arts at (225) 216-8165.