

ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

The Associate of General Studies Degree is intended to meet the unique needs of those whose educational goals are not satisfied through the traditional college transfer or vocational-technical programs, whose responsibilities limit their on-campus attendance, and whose post-secondary careers may include employment or other "real-life" experiences with educational value. Supplementing the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degrees, the General Studies Degree offers selected adults considerable latitude in designing a program of study around their individual experiences, competencies, and goals. The Associate of General Studies Degree is not intended to transfer to another institution although many of the courses within the degree may transfer.

Admission to the General Studies Degree program involves the submission of an application for candidacy and an interview with the Dean of Business and Information Technology, who serves as an advisor to participants in the program. The application should include a letter declaring the desired areas of study if known.

Degree Requirements

1. A minimum of 65 credit hours in a prescribed program of study.
2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (a "C" average).
3. A minimum of 15 credit hours must be earned from San Juan College.
4. 15 credit hours of the following general education courses must be completed.

ENGL 111	Freshman Composition	3 credits	
ENGL 211	Advanced Composition	OR	3 credits
ENGL 218	Advanced Technical Composition		
SPCH 110	Public Speaking	OR	3 credits
SPCH 111	Interpersonal Communication		
MATH 130	Conceptual Mathematics	3 credits	
	Humanities/Social Science Elective	3 credits	
5. A minimum of 30 credits earned within a specific vocational/technical program or academic concentration.

Credit may be granted from the following sources:

 - A. San Juan College credit programs
 - B. Cooperative Education (work experience or training)
 - C. Courses sponsored by business and industry, labor unions, government agencies, or by industrial, professional, trade and voluntary associations which are accredited in advance by San Juan College
 - D. Military service schools and courses with prior approval by San Juan College
 - E. College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Test
 - F. High school and Area Vocational School articulated credits
 - G. Approved transfer credits
 - H. Credit by course challenge
 - I. Approved correspondence courses
 - J. Approved independent study
6. Twenty (20) hours of elective credits.
 - A. A maximum of 20 credit hours may be earned in experiential education. San Juan College has developed a program for evaluation of work experience and training. As a result, direct credit awards are made for many jobs and types of training that are substantiated by the appropriate documentation. The determination of the amount of credits awarded will be made by the SJC Experiential Education Committee. These are credits earned for experiences prior to signing a degree plan, and can only be applied toward an Associate of General Studies Degree at San Juan College.

Examples of credit that can be earned through experiential education may include the following (appropriate documentation must be furnished):

1. Work experience or training
 2. Non-credit college course work (CEU)
 3. Course work from accredited vocational/technical schools
 4. Courses sponsored by business and industry, labor unions, government agencies, or by industrial, professional, trade and voluntary associations
 5. Military service schools and courses
 6. Professional Military Education (PME)
 7. Professional certifications
- B. If experiential education is not applicable, elective credits required for this degree may be earned by any of the methods described in the previous section (5).