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# ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE

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The Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree is *not* intended for transfer, although some of the courses within the degree may transfer. The AGS is *not* a Liberal Arts degree. (For *liberal arts*, see the Associate of Arts degree under Transfer Programs.) Instead, the AGS is intended to meet the 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 careers may include employment experiences with educational value. The AGS degree recognizes the value of prior learning including, but not limited to, coursework from other institutions, credit-by-exam programs, and applicable documented prior learning, and offers students the opportunity to create a customized degree plan. Students who declare Associate of General Studies will meet with an AGS Advisor who will evaluate the student's degree plan, including documented prior learning.

## Degree Requirements

1. A minimum of 65 credit hours as outlined below.
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 with a grade of "C" or better.
4. 15 credit hours of the following general education courses must be completed:

			<b>Credits</b>
ENGL	111	Freshman Composition OR	
ENGL	118	Technical Composition	3
ENGL	211	Advanced Composition OR	
ENGL	218	Advanced Technical Composition	3
SPCH	110	Public Speaking OR	
SPCH	111	Interpersonal Communication OR	
SPCH	120	Business and Professional Communication	3
MATH	113*	Applied Mathematics for Vocational Students, (*or higher)	3
		Humanities/Social Science Elective	3

*See Career Programs page in this catalog for list of possible electives.*

5. A minimum of 30 (and up to 50) credit hours earned under the following transfer conditions:

Credit **may** be granted for the following sources recorded on an official transcript:

- A. San Juan College credit programs
- B. Cooperative education
- C. Articulated credits (high school, area vocational school, or technical education)
- D. College-level transfer credits
- E. Course challenge credits
- F. Correspondence courses
- G. Independent study
- H. Additional credit *may* be granted for:
  - I. Military service schools approved by ACE (American Council on Education)
  - J. College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Test
  - K. Other national credit-by-exam programs

**6. A maximum of 20 credit hours for approved documented prior learning.** The AGS advisor will evaluate documented prior learning to determine direct credit awards for employment experiences with educational value. SJC applies the federal standard of 30 clock hours = 1 credit hour. These are credits earned for documented prior learning and can be applied only toward an Associate of General Studies degree at San Juan College. Examples of credit that can be earned for documented prior learning **may** include the following:

- A. Non-credit college-level course work (CEUs)
- B. Courses or training sponsored by business and industry, labor unions, government agencies, or by industrial, professional, trade and voluntary associations
- C. Professional certifications

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