



Program Map 2018-2019 College Credit Catalog

General Studies in Arts Z-Degree

Degree: Associate of Arts in General Studies (AA)



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Transfer Program Description: The Associate of Arts in General Studies Z-Degree is intended to provide a broad-based two-year liberal arts education. This degree is for students who have the goal of transferring to a four-year institution to complete a baccalaureate degree. Students should be aware that this degree plan may not satisfy all the requirements of a specific transfer institution. This broad-based degree introduces students to a variety of different courses in the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and communications fields of study. If you are undecided about your field of study, this program provides you the opportunity to explore your interests while preparing you for transfer. The student must make a minimum grade of C in all core curriculum courses and have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.

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The Z-Degree pathway in General Studies allows students to complete this degree entirely with zero-cost textbook classes. A Z-class is a class taught with openly-licensed high quality textbooks (known as Open Educational Resources) or other freely-available course materials that are accessible electronically on the first day of class. These textbooks and course materials do not cost students any money. These zero-cost textbook sections are known as Z-classes. While this Z-Degree pathway can be completed entirely with Z-classes, please note that not every course listed below offers Z-classes at every campus. Consult with an advisor to map out your Z-Degree pathway in General Studies. The prescribed pathway below offers at least one Z-degree class for every course listed, and many of the courses below offer multiple Z-classes across ACC's campuses.

Use this **Program Map** to choose courses with your college advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.

Pre-Degree Requirements		
Program Specific	Reading and Writing Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>	Mathematics Placement <i>Placements based on TSI</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Developmental Courses <input type="checkbox"/> ESOL Courses <input type="checkbox"/> INRW Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses paired with MATH courses <input type="checkbox"/> NCBM and MATD courses
SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS <i>Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters</i>		

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
EDUC 1100 – Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success	1	Z-classes are offered on campus and online. Core Curriculum Requirement: Component Area Option (090)
ENGL 1301 – English Composition I	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: Communication (010)
HIST 1301 – United States History I	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: American History (060)
SPCH 1311 – Introduction to Speech Communication OR SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: Component Area Option (090)
SOCI 1301 – Introduction to Sociology	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)
	13	Program Semester Hours/Meet with your advisor
Semester 2		
ENGL 1302 – English Composition II OR ENGL 2311 – Technical and Business Writing	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: Communication (010)
HIST 1302 – United States History II	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: American History (060)
MATH 1332 – College Mathematics OR MATH 2412 – Precalculus: Functions and Graphs	3-4	Core Curriculum Requirement: Mathematics (020)
PHIL 1301 – Introduction to Philosophy	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: Language, Philosophy & Culture (040)
ARTS 1301 – Art Appreciation	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: Creative Arts (050)
	15-16	Program Semester Hours/Meet with your advisor

Semester 3		
PSYC 2301 – Introduction to Psychology	3	College level Arts and Science course requirement.
ANTH 2351 – Cultural Anthropology	3	Z-classes are only offered online. College level Arts and Science course requirement.
GOVT 2305 – United States Government	3	Core Curriculum Requirement: Government/Political Science (070)
BIOL 1408 – Biology for Non-Science Majors I	4	Core Curriculum Requirement: Life and Physical Sciences (030)
DRAM 1310 – Introduction to Theatre	3	College level Arts and Science course requirement.
	16	Program Semester Hours/Meet with your advisor
Semester 4		
GOVT 2306 – Texas State and Local Government	3	Z-classes are offered online only. Core Curriculum Requirement: Government/Political Science (070)
PHIL 2306 - Ethics	3	College level Arts and Science course requirement.
ARTS 1303 – Art History I (Prehistoric to the 14th Century)	3	College level Arts and Science course requirement.
HIST 2311 – Western Civilization I OR HIST 2312 – Western Civilization II	3	Z-classes are offered online only. College level Arts and Science course requirement.
CHEM 1311 – General Chemistry I Lecture CHEM 1111 – General Chemistry I Lab OR CHEM 1305 – Introductory Chemistry I Lecture CHEM 1105 – Introductory Chemistry I Lab OR BIOL 1406 – Cellular and Molecular Biology	4	Core Curriculum Requirement: Life and Physical Sciences (030) ACHIEVEMENT: Associate of Arts in General Studies
	16	Program Semester Hours/Meet with your advisor
Total Program Hours: 60-61		

Please always check online at catalog.austincc.edu or meet with your academic or program advisor to ensure that you are viewing the latest and most accurate information.

Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career & Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.

www.austincc.edu/career

www.austincc.edu/transfer

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

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Career & Transfer Resources Updated 10/29/18

Transfer Information

The Associate of Arts in General Studies Z-Degree provides a transfer pathway to a 4-year institution where students can earn a bachelor's degree. Students are strongly encouraged to select a transfer destination by the time they have completed 24 semester credit hours.

The General Studies Z-Degree plan is founded on the core curriculum; students can use this as the foundation for an array of 4-year degrees suited to their interests. Students in this program are encouraged to obtain information about the course requirements for at least two possible major from their desired 4-year institution and choose appropriate courses.

Transfer Guides: *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

The University of Texas at Austin: <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-resources/acc-transfer-guides>

Texas State University: <https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future-students/transfer/tpg>

Texas A&M University: <https://admissions.tamu.edu/transfer/majors>

Texas Tech University: <https://catalog.ttu.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=996>

Texas State University- Round Rock: <http://www.rrc.txstate.edu/prospective/checksheets.html>

The University of Texas at San Antonio: https://www.utsa.edu/advise/1617_transfer/acc.html

Reverse Transfer: If you transfer to a four-year institution prior to graduating from ACC, you can still earn your associate degree through reverse transfer. More information on the reverse transfer process and requirements can be found at www.austincc.edu/students/transfer-services/reverse-transfer.

Additional Transfer Resources: ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: <http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides>. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, [area of study advisor](#), and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.

Career Information

General Studies Z-Degree program graduates may find they have an advantage over their peers, particularly in the field of business. The General Studies Z-Degree's broad educational background is helpful where crucial, hard-to-teach skills like critical thinking, deep analysis, and reasoned judgment are needed. Careers in management, administration, and communication are perfect for a big-picture, adaptable learner. With the varied courses you take in many disciplines, the General Studies Z-Degree program provides a unique opportunity to address many needs of organizations across industries, including government, healthcare, business, finance, and many more.

Career and labor market research tools (see Quick Reference Guide at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>):

EMSI: <https://austincc.emsicc.com/>, Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>, O*NET: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Career Resources: ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at <http://www.austincc.edu/career>. Students are encouraged to consult with their [area of study advisor](#) for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.