

## GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

A major portion of a student's first- and second-year studies is a common curriculum of courses called the General Studies Program. The General Studies Program is designed to provide a fundamental basis for lifelong learning and advanced studies. General studies courses may not be used in meeting requirements for both the General Studies Program and the requirements for a major or minor. Students are strongly encouraged to complete at least 36 hours of the General Studies Program before registering as a junior.

Requirements for the General Studies Program may change without notice. For transfer guides and complete information regarding the Statewide Transfer and Articulation Reporting System (STARS) and the Alabama Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC), please visit [stars.troy.edu](http://stars.troy.edu).

The student must complete a six hour sequence in Literature or History. This sequence must be within the same content areas for the selected discipline (i.e., six hours in American Literature or six hours in World History). This requirement may be met in Area II or Area IV. Some major programs specify this sequence. The student should consult the listing of specialized general studies requirements for the selected major.

Some programs, majors or minors may have specialized general studies requirements. Consult the descriptions of these programs in this Catalog for information about specialized general studies requirements. For further information, the student should contact the academic advisor.

All prerequisites for any of the courses listed below must be met prior to enrollment in these course. For additional information, please refer to the Course Descriptions section of this catalog.

### Area I (6 hours)

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*A minimum grade of C is required in ENG 1101 and 1102.*

- ENG 1101 (3) Composition and Modern English I, or placement in ENG 1103 Honors English Composition I  
 ENG 1102 (3) Composition and Modern English II, or placement in ENG 1104 Honors English Composition II

### Area II (12 hours)

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**Required:**

1000-2000 level course within Literature (3 hours)

1000-2000 level course with an expanded historical and cultural scope in the Fine Arts, including the disciplines of Art, Music, Theatre, Film or other Fine Arts areas (3 hours).

Any 1000-2000 level courses with an expanded historical and cultural scope in the Humanities/Fine Arts disciplines, including Classics, Communication, Dance, English, World Languages, Interdisciplinary Studies, Music, Nursing, Philosophy, Religion, Sign Language, Theatre, or other Humanities/ Fine Arts areas (6 hours).

### Area III (11 hours)

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*A minimum grade of C is required in mathematics. Students should consult the listing of specialized general studies requirements for their major. A higher level mathematics course, or other math requirement, may be required or one of the following two courses may be specified for your major.*

**Required:**

- MTH 1110 (3) Finite Mathematics  
 OR  
 MTH 1112 (3) Pre-Calculus Algebra or higher  
 OR  
 STAT 2210 (3) Introduction to Statistics

Any 1000-2000 level laboratory science classes (class and lab both required) from the following Science disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science or other Science areas: (8 hours)

### AREA IV (12 hours)

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*See above regarding the sequence requirement.*

**Required:**

Any 1000-2000 level course with a principal focus in History (3 hours).

Any 1000-2000 level courses from the following Social Science disciplines: Anthropology, Business, Criminal Justice, Economics, Education, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Geography, History, Hospitality, Tourism, Sport Management, Human Services, Interdisciplinary Studies, Leadership, Nursing, Nutrition, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Social Work, Sociology or other Social Science areas (9 hours).

### Area V (18-22 hours)

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- IS 2241 (3) Computer Concepts and Applications  
 TROY 1101 (1) University Orientation

Select an additional 14-18 hours of requirements specified by the major or program. (See the descriptions of programs, majors and programs in this catalog.) If no specific requirements for the major or program are designated, the student must take an additional 14 hours of electives. *See above regarding the sequence requirement.*