GENERAL EDUCATION

Division Chair
Eric Reed, Associate Professor

Faculty

MISSION

The mission of the General Education Division is to provide broad intellectual knowledge, awareness, and critical thinking skills in the liberal arts, humanities, and natural and social sciences directed toward the successful pursuit of students’ personal and career goals as citizens and leaders in agriculture enterprises.

PHILOSOPHY

General education is part of the academic experience that builds students’ growth as citizens and professionals. General education instruction engages students in independent, critical, and creative thinking; promotes open-mindedness and understanding; gives confidence and inquisitiveness to challenge assumptions and explore ideas and values; promotes the passing of sound judgment; encourages the consideration of ethical and practical consequences of actions; and facilitates wisdom.

Associate of Science Curriculum

General Education Courses

Written Communication; Critical Thinking

3 hours required:

ENG 1503  TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION I
ENG 1903  WRITING & INQUIRY
ENG 2203  WRITING & ARGUMENT

Oral Communication

3 hours required:

SPC 1113  PUBLIC SPEAKING

Quantitative Literacy

5 hours required:

ECN 1803  STATISTICS
MTH 1203  INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA
MTH 1503  COLLEGE ALGEBRA
MTH 2203  INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS
MTH 2252  TRIGONOMETRY

Problem Solving

8 hours required:

ASI 1024  FUND OF ANIMAL BIO
BIO 1104  GENERAL BIOLOGY & LAB
BIO 1313  PLANT SCIENCE
BIO 1321  AGRONOMIC PLANT SCIENCE LABORATORY
BIO 1331  INTRODUCTION TO HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE LABORATORY
CHM 1014  CHEMISTRY IN CONTEXT I
CHM 1024  CHEMISTRY IN CONTEXT II
CHM 1104  GENERAL CHEM I
CHM 2104  GENERAL CHEM II

Information Literacy; Intercultural Knowledge & Competence

1 hours required:

ABM 1201  AG BUSINESS FOUNDATIONS
AGR 1661  AGRONOMY ORIENTATION

Associate of Applied Science Curriculum

General Education Courses

Written Communication; Critical Thinking

3 hours required:

ENG 1503  TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION I
ENG 1903  WRITING & INQUIRY

Oral Communication

3 hours required:

SPC 1103  SALES COMM
SPC 1113  PUBLIC SPEAKING

Quantitative Literacy

3 hours required:

ECN 1803  STATISTICS
MTH 1203  INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA
MTH 1403  AGRICULTURAL MATHEMATICS
MTH 1503  COLLEGE ALGEBRA
MTH 2203  INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS
VTS 1313  MATH FOR VET TECHS

Problem Solving

4 hours required:

ASI 1024  FUND OF ANIMAL BIO
BIO 1104  GENERAL BIOLOGY & LAB
BIO 1313  PLANT SCIENCE
BIO 1321  AGRONOMIC PLANT SCIENCE LABORATORY
BIO 1331  INTRODUCTION TO HORTICULTURAL SCIENCE LABORATORY
CHM 1014  CHEMISTRY IN CONTEXT I
CHM 1024  CHEMISTRY IN CONTEXT II
CHM 1104  GENERAL CHEM I
CHM 2104  GENERAL CHEM II
SCI 1204  TECHNICAL SCIENCE
VTS 1604  INTRODUCTION TO LABORATORY SCIENCE

Information Literacy; Intercultural Knowledge & Competence

1 hours required:

ABM 1201  AG BUSINESS FOUNDATIONS
AGR 1661  AGRONOMY ORIENTATION
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ENG 1503 TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION I
Prerequisites: ENG 0080 AND ENG 0090
Description: (Pre Req: 18 ACT Reading & 18 ACT English or ENG 103 or permission through English placement process) This course emphasizes the principles and strategies of written communication about technical subject matter using various media. It is designed to prepare the student to present technical and scientific documents in a clear and informative manner.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ENG 2203

ENG 1903 WRITING & INQUIRY
Prerequisites: ENG 0080 AND ENG 0090
Description: (Pre Req: 18 ACT Reading & 18 ACT English or ENG 103 or permission through English placement process) A refinement of writing skills and critical reading, emphasizing the relationship between purpose and form, clarity, accuracy of expression, the development of the writer's voice and style, the elements of critical thinking, and the development of the research paper to prepare for university studies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ENG 2203

ENG 2203 WRITING & ARGUMENT
Prerequisites: ENG 1503 OR ENG 1903
Description: A course for students seeking advanced work in reading and writing expository prose and in methods of research. (Pre req: English 1503 or 1903)
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ENG 2203

ENG 2223 BEGINNING CREATIVE WRITING
Description: Introduction to the writing of poetry, fiction, and screenplays. Lectures and discussions emphasize the principles, processes, and techniques of creative writing. Students develop their ability to respond to literature and scripts through workshops, discussions and written assignments requiring them to analyze professional and peer works. Emphasis on literary (as opposed to "slick") writing.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

HTY 1303 AMERICAN HISTORY AFTER 1877
Description: Examines the economic, political, social, and cultural development of the United States from the end of the Reconstruction era through the modern era. Through lectures, readings, assignments, and discussion, students will be asked to interpret and critically evaluate historical documents, perspectives, concepts, and events.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

MTH 1203 INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA
Prerequisites: Test Placement
Description: Properties of real numbers, factoring, exponents and radicals, linear and fractional equations, linear and nonlinear inequalities, quadratic equations, and functions and graphs. This course may not be accepted in transfer toward the general education requirement for a baccalaureate degree.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

MTH 1403 AGRICULTURAL MATHEMATICS
Description: A study of mathematics, geometry and algebra that are utilized in the agricultural industry. Problems will include examples from crop production, horticulture, livestock management and agricultural business.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

MTH 1503 COLLEGE ALGEBRA
Prerequisites: 24 ACT in Math or equivalent test score; MTH 1203: Intermediate Algebra; or instructor permission
Description: Functions, inverse functions, graphing of linear and quadratic functions, the conic sections, polynomial functions, rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, systems of equations, determinants and matrices, and higher degree equations.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

MTH 2203 INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS
Prerequisites: 24 ACT in Math or equivalent test score; MTH 1503: College Algebra; or instructor permission
Description: Frequency distributions, elementary probability theory, measures of dispersion and central tendency, normal distributions, confidence intervals, hypotheses testing, regression, and correlation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

MTH 2252 TRIGONOMETRY
Description: Prerequisites: 24 ACT in Math or equivalent test score; MTH 1503: College Algebra; or instructor permission) Description: Designed for students who plan further study at the calculus level. Numerical trigonometry, trigonometric analysis, inverse trigonometric functions, and complex numbers.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Format: LEC

PSY 1103 HUMAN RELATIONS
Description: This course studies the psychology of humans and their relationships with others. Emphasis is placed on one's ability to get along with others in a working relationship.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
SPC 1103 SALES COMM
Description: This course will instruct students in retail and service salesmanship, emphasizing the purpose of selling, the characteristics and functions of the salesperson, sales promotion, locating and qualifying prospects, and the steps in making a sale. Students are required to select a product, develop a sales manual and make a sales presentation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

SPC 1113 PUBLIC SPEAKING
Description: This course contains a study of the methods of developing and presenting oral communications. It includes techniques in speech making and other methods of communicating orally in the business world.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) and associate of science (A.S.)
Outcomes
Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science degree students should be able to demonstrate the following skills and abilities (as defined by the Association of American Colleges & Universities VALUE Rubrics):

Program Outcomes
1. Written Communication. Written communication is the development and expression of ideas in writing. Written communication involves learning to work in many genres and styles. It can involve working with many different writing technologies, and mixing texts, data, and images. Written communication abilities develop through iterative experiences across the curriculum.
2. Oral Communication. Oral communication is a prepared, purposeful presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors.
3. Quantitative Literacy. Quantitative Literacy (QL) – also known as Numeracy or Quantitative Reasoning (QR) – is a "habit of mind," competency, and comfort in working with numerical data. Individuals with strong QL skills possess the ability to reason and solve quantitative problems from a wide array of authentic contexts and everyday life situations. They understand and can create sophisticated arguments supported by quantitative evidence and they can clearly communicate those arguments in a variety of formats (using words, tables, graphs, mathematical equations, etc., as appropriate).
4. Problem Solving. Problem solving is the process of designing, evaluating and implementing a strategy to answer an open-ended question or achieve a desired goal.
5. Civic Engagement: Civic engagement is "working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes." (Excerpted from Civic Responsibility and Higher Education, edited by Thomas Ehrlich, published by Oryx Press, 2000, Preface, page vi.) In addition, civic engagement encompasses actions wherein individuals participate in activities of personal and public concern that are both individually life enriching and socially beneficial to the community.
6. Critical Thinking: Critical thinking is a habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.
7. Information Literacy: The ability to know when there is a need for information, to be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively and responsibly use and share that information for the problem at hand. - Adopted from the National Forum on Information Literacy.