

PARKER UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN GENERAL STUDIES

CONCENTRATIONS IN ANATOMY | BUSINESS | HEALTH CARE | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Parker University is a nonprofit, regionally accredited university offering an online Associate of Science with a major in General Studies. A General Studies degree is a versatile educational program that allows the student to have a large say in the direction of their studies. Throughout the course of your program, you will be able to custom-tailor your degree so that it matches your interests. By doing this, you will obtain a broad foundation of skills that can be applied to a number of different careers. General studies is a gateway into your future.

PARKER'S GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM CONSIST OF:

- ▶ A new enrollment period each month
- ▶ Fully online and campus-based, distance education and hybrid instructional formats
- ▶ A total of 60 credit hours
 - 42 credit hours of general education courses
 - 18 elective hours or
 - 18 concentration hours in Anatomy, Business, Health Care or Information Technology

WHERE DO GENERAL STUDIES DEGREEED PROFESSIONALS WORK?

With any degree program, it is a smart idea to take a look at the projected occupational growth of your desired career to get an idea of what to expect after graduation. When it comes to the broad scope of jobs associated with the General Studies degree program, utilizing resources like the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a great starting point in researching different careers. According to the BLS, jobs in Media and Communication are expected to grow 4% between 2014 and 2024, which will result in over 27,000 new jobs. Additionally, Business and Financial occupations are projected to have an 8% increase in the same timeframe. This is great news for graduates of a General Studies program and useful information that can be used to create a degree program that has the potential for a long-term, well-paying career.

| <i>Career Outlets for Parker General Studies</i> | Salary |
|--|----------------------|
| Computer Network Support Specialists | \$55,000 to \$74,999 |
| Health technologists, technicians, community health workers and healthcare practitioners and technical workers | \$35,000 to \$54,999 |
| Food Service, Real Estate, and Hotel Managers | \$50,820 to \$57,040 |
| Law Enforcement workers, and Police and detectives | \$37,040 to \$61,600 |
| Psychiatric Technicians, and Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder Counselors | \$26,720 to \$42,150 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Associate of Science Degree with a Major in General Studies

Mission

The mission of the Associate of Science Degree with a Major in General Studies is to provide students with the foundational skills and knowledge to: (a) succeed in the student's future career or program of study, (b) make informed and responsible life decisions, and (c) pursue opportunities for lifelong learning.

General Program Information

The Associate of Science in General Studies program helps students develop a basic set of transferable skills. The General Education curriculum helps to develop a deeper appreciation of the complexities and potentialities of the human experience from the perspectives of the arts, humanities, and the natural and social sciences while encouraging an understanding of imagination and creativity through the application of abstract and intuitive thinking. The program allows you to choose between four areas of concentration: Anatomy, Business, Information Technology, and Health Care. Concentrations in each discipline are a pathway to a Parker University offered Bachelor Degree Program.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduating student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively through writing.
2. Demonstrate the ability to read critically and interpret literature.
3. Demonstrate the ability to perform the basic mathematical calculations and understand quantitative information.
4. Demonstrate the ability to think critically to evaluate and solve problems.

Length of Program

The degree program may be completed in a minimum of 5 terms of instruction and with a maximum satisfactory time frame for completion of 7.5 terms. The curriculum includes: 61 semester credit hours of General Education core courses, or 43 semester credit hours in General Education core courses and 18 semester credit hours of course work in your chosen concentration (i.e., Anatomy, Business, Information Technology, and Health Care).

Mode of Instruction

Associate of Science degree with a major in General Studies will be offered through a variety of instructional formats (i.e., campus-based, distance education and hybrid instructional formats).

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Technical Standards

Credits and degrees earned from this institution do not automatically qualify the holder to participate in professional certification or licensure exams. Different IT certification examinations or tests are at the discretion of the student. Parker University does not guarantee graduates will successfully pass such exams.

Degree Requirements

The Associate of Science with a Major in General Studies requires a minimum of 60 semester credit hours of coursework which are as follows:

- 60 Credit hours in required General Education courses or
 - 42 Credit hours in required General Education courses and
 - 18 Credit hours in courses from the student's major concentration (i.e., Anatomy, Business, Information Technology, and Health Care).

The Associate of Science in General Studies program must be completed within 7.5 terms.

Graduation Requirements

To earn an Associate of Science with a Major in General Studies from Parker University, students must accomplish the following:

- Complete the designated program of study.
- Complete degree requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- File an application for the degree with the Office of the Registrar on or before the published date during the last term of resident study. The degree will not be awarded unless the application is completed.
- Resolve all financial obligations to Parker University.
- Complete all required exit paperwork.

Students cannot be on academic probation or subject to disciplinary sanctions at the time of graduation.

ACCREDITATION

Parker University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).



**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE
GENERAL STUDIES**

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| GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES | 42-44 Semester Credit Hours |
| ELECTIVES | 18 Semester Credit Hours |
| TOTAL | 60-62 Semester Credit Hours |

| Course ID | Cr. | Course name |
|---|-----|--|
| COMMUNICATION | | Complete (12) Semester Credit Hours |
| COSC 1301 | 3 | Introduction to Computing |
| ENGL 1301 | 3 | English Composition I |
| ENGL 1302 | 3 | English Composition II |
| SPCH 1311 | 3 | Introduction to Speech Communications |
| <i>Communication*</i> | 12 | <i>*Or choose other equivalent courses in Communications</i> |
| MATHEMATICS | | Complete one (3) Semester Credit Hours |
| MATH 1314 | 3 | College Algebra |
| MATH 1316 | 3 | Trigonometry |
| MATH 1324 | 3 | Math for Business and Social Sciences (Finite Mathematics) |
| MATH 1342 | 3 | Elementary Statistical Methods I |
| <i>Mathematics*</i> | 3 | <i>*Or choose other equivalent course in Mathematics</i> |
| NATURAL & LIFE SCIENCES | | Complete two (6-8) Semester Credit Hours |
| BIOL 1308 | 3 | Biology for Non-Science Majors I |
| BIOL 1309 | 3 | Biology for Non-Science Majors II |
| BIOL 2401 | 4 | Anatomy & Physiology I |
| BIOL 2402 | 4 | Anatomy & Physiology II |
| <i>Natural & Life Sciences*</i> | 6 | <i>*Or choose other equivalent courses in Natural & Life Sciences</i> |
| SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES | | Complete (15) Semester Credit Hours |
| PSYC 2301 | 3 | Introduction to Psychology |
| GOVT 2305 | 3 | Federal Government |
| GOVT 2306 | 3 | Texas Government |
| HIST 1301 | 3 | United States History I |
| HIST 1302 | 3 | United States History II |
| <i>Social & Behavioral Sciences*</i> | 15 | <i>*Or choose other equivalent courses in Social & Behavioral Sciences</i> |
| HUMANITIES | | Complete (6) Semester Credit Hours |
| ENGL 2326 | 3 | American Literature |
| MUSI 1306 | 3 | Music Appreciation |
| <i>Humanities*</i> | 6 | <i>*Or choose other equivalent courses in Humanities</i> |
| ELECTIVES | | Choose (18) additional Semester Credit Hours |
| Choose from 1000 or above level courses not used in General Education Core or choose a specialization area in Anatomy, Business, Health Care and Information Technology. | | |

A.S. Degree Program Length: Minimum 5 terms of instruction. Maximum satisfactory time frame Completion: 7.5 Terms



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CONCENTRATIONS**

| CONCENTRATION: ANATOMY | | 18 Semester Credit Hours |
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| MATH | 3 | Choose from: Finite Math, Statistics, Trigonometry, or other if not used in gen. ed. |
| BIOL | 12 | Choose from: Biology I, Biology II, Gen Chemistry I, Gen Chemistry II, Organic Chemistry I, Organic Chemistry II, Physics I, or Physics II, Kinesiology, Biomechanics, or Exercise Physiology if not used in gen. ed. |
| PSYCH 2314 | 3 | Human Growth & Development |

| CONCENTRATION: BUSINESS | | 18 Semester Credit Hours |
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| BMGT 1301 | 3 | Introduction to Management |
| BCIS 1305 | 3 | Business Computer Applications |
| ECON 2301 | 3 | Principles of Macroeconomics |
| ECON 2302 | 3 | Principles of Microeconomics |
| ACCT 2301 | 3 | Principles of Financial Accounting |
| ACCT 2302 | 3 | Principles of Managerial Accounting |

| CONCENTRATION: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | | 18 Semester Credit Hours |
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| BCIS 1302 | 3 | Programming Logic and Design |
| BCIS 2306 | 3 | Fundamentals of Network Systems |
| BCIS 2307 | 3 | Operating Systems |
| BCIS 2308 | 3 | Data and Information Management |
| BCIS 2309 | 3 | Ethical, Social, and Legal Dimensions of Computer |
| BCIS 2322 | 3 | Client-Side Scripting (HTML) |

| CONCENTRATION: HEALTH CARE | | 18 Semester Credit Hours |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| SOCI 1043 | 3 | Introduction to Public Health |
| HITT 1011 | 3 | Electronic Medical Records Systems (EMRS) |
| KINE 1304 | 3 | Personal/Community Health |
| ANTH 2351 | 3 | Social & Cultural Anthropology |
| BIOL 1322 | 3 | Nutrition & Diet Therapy |
| PSYC 2314 | 3 | Human Growth & Development |