

GENERAL STUDIES OPTIONS

The Associate in Arts in General Studies is an interdisciplinary degree, that allows students to choose the general education pattern that aligns with their educational goal, whether that is to complete the AA or to transfer, and also allows students to choose an area of emphasis for their focus.

Pattern I

This pattern is intended for students who may need to explore possibilities before committing themselves to a major and who may not be planning to transfer to a four-year university. This pattern requires completion of the Ventura College General Education plan.

- General Studies Pattern I - Arts and Humanities Area of Emphasis, Associate in Arts (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-pattern-i-arts-humanities-area-emphasis-aa/>)
- General Studies Pattern I - Holistic Health Studies Emphasis, Associate in Arts (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-pattern-i-holistic-health-studies-emphasis-aa/>)
- General Studies Pattern I - Natural Sciences Emphasis, Associate in Arts (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-pattern-i-natural-sciences-emphasis-aa/>)
- General Studies Pattern I - Social and Behavioral Sciences Emphasis, Associate in Arts (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-pattern-i-social-behavioral-sciences-emphasis-aa/>)

Pattern II

This pattern is intended for students who are planning to transfer to an independent/private or out-of-state college or to a four-year university in a high-unit major, or where completion of CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC is not appropriate or advisable.

Pattern III

This pattern is intended for students who are planning to transfer to a California public university (UC or CSU) where an ADT is not available or accepted in their chosen major or does not provide adequate preparation. This pattern requires the CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC to fulfill lower-division general education.

- General Studies Patterns II/III - Arts and Humanities Emphasis, Associate in Arts (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-patterns-ii-iii-arts-humanities-emphasis-aa/>)
- General Studies Patterns II/III - Liberal Studies Emphasis, Associate in Arts (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-patterns-ii-iii-liberal-studies-emphasis-aa/>)
- General Studies Patterns II/III - Natural Sciences or Mathematics Emphasis, Associate in Arts (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-patterns-ii-iii-natural-sciences-mathematics-emphasis-aa/>)
- General Studies Patterns II/III - Social and Behavioral Sciences Emphasis, Associate in Science (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/general-studies-patterns-ii-iii-social-behavioral-sciences-emphasis-as/>)

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- CSU GE-Breadth, Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/csu-ge-breadth-coa/>)
- IGETC, Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/ventura/programs-courses/general-studies-options/igetc-coa/>)