

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES PATTERN I

## Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies Pattern I, with an Area of Emphasis

### About the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree in General Studies Pattern I

This pattern provides an opportunity to earn an Associate in Arts (AA) in General Studies with an area of emphasis. This degree covers a broad area of study and is intended for students who may not be planning to transfer to a four-year university or who may need to explore possibilities before committing themselves to a major.

### Requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree in General Studies Pattern I

1. Choose an area of emphasis from one of four Moorpark College area-of-emphasis lists below and complete the courses required for that area of emphasis (a minimum of 18 semester units of degree-applicable college credit coursework). Courses for the area of emphasis must be completed with a grade of "C" or better or "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis (Title 5 § 55063 (<https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I0A0D2703ECD14733B411676D23F9752F/>)). Even though a "P" is allowed, it is recommended that students complete all coursework in the area of emphasis for a letter grade ("A," "B," or "C"). At least 6 units of the 18 units required for the area of emphasis must be completed within a single discipline.

**Note:** Universities have limitations on the number of units that may be taken on a "pass-no pass" basis and therefore it is strongly recommended that students take all coursework in the area of emphasis for a letter grade. Most universities also have limitations on the number of general education units that may be completed on a "pass/no pass" basis.

2. Complete Moorpark College's General Education requirements (areas A through F)
  - a. **Natural Sciences** (a minimum of 6 semester units)
    - Biological Science: one (1) course
    - Physical Science: one (1) course
  - b. **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (a minimum of 6 semester units)
    - American History and Institutions: one (1) course
    - Social and Behavioral Sciences: one (1) course
  - c. **Humanities** (a minimum of 6 semester units)
    - Fine Arts / Performing Arts: one (1) course
    - Humanities: one (1) course
  - d. **Language and Rationality** (a minimum of 6 semester units)
    - English Composition: one (1) course
    - Communication and Analytical Thinking: one (1) course
  - e. **Health and Physical Education/Kinesiology** (no unit minimum)
    - Health Education: one (1) course
    - Physical Education/Kinesiology, Intercollegiate Athletics, or Dance activity: one (1) activity course
  - f. **Ethnic/Gender Studies** (a minimum of 3 semester units)
    - Ethnic/Gender Studies: one (1) course

3. Satisfactorily complete at least 60 semester units of degree-applicable college coursework (including general education, area of emphasis, and, if needed, free electives).
4. Demonstrate competency in reading, written expression, and mathematics as defined in Title 5 § 55063 (<https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I0A0D2703ECD14733B411676D23F9752F/>) for the appropriate catalog year.
5. Achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in degree-applicable college credit coursework.
6. Complete a minimum of 12 semester units in residence at the college granting the degree. Exceptions to the residency requirement can be made by the VCCCD Board of Trustees when injustice or undue hardship would result.
7. Apply for the Associate Degree in the Counseling Office by the published deadline dates. All of the student's official transcripts and test scores (such as AP, IB, or CLEP) must be on file with the Admissions and Records office.

**Note:** *Students planning to transfer to a four-year university are advised that this curriculum may not adequately prepare them for transfer. General Studies Patterns II and III degrees are designed for transfer students.*

**References:** AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education (<http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/vcccd/Board.nsf/goto/?open&id=ALAN5X5BD3BC>); *last reviewed by the VCCCD Board of Trustees in May 2017.* AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates (<http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/vcccd/Board.nsf/goto/?open&id=BUMRUU6E90A1>); *last reviewed by the VCCCD Board of Trustees in April 2021.*

## Areas of Emphasis for Pattern I Offered at Moorpark College

At the time of catalog publication, a student may earn the following General Studies AA Pattern I (Area of Emphasis) degrees at Moorpark College:

### Humanities Emphasis

The Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies Pattern I with an emphasis in **Humanities** covers a broad area of study and is intended for students who may not be planning to transfer to a four-year university or who may need to explore possibilities before committing themselves to a major.

Courses in the humanities are those which help students not only develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation but also help the student develop an aesthetic understanding and an ability to make value judgments. Such courses could include introductory or integrative courses in the arts, foreign languages, literature, philosophy, and religion.

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
ART M30	Drawing and Composition I	3
ART M70	Beginning Ceramics I	3
ARTH M100	Understanding Art	3
or ARTH M100H	Honors: Understanding Art	
ARTH M110	History of Western Art: Prehistoric Through Gothic	3

ARTH M120	History of Western Art: Renaissance through Modern	3	FTMA M115	Introduction to Media Writing	3
ARTH M130	History of Art: Asian	3	GERM M100	Elementary German I	4
ARTH M150	History of Western Art: Modern through Contemporary	3	GERM M110	Elementary German II	4
CHIN M100	Elementary Chinese: Mandarin I	4	HIST M150	World History: From Prehistory to 1500	3
COMM M05	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3	HIST M152	History of Asia from Prehistory to 1600	3
COMM M26	Rhetoric of Popular Culture	3	HIST M160	World History: From 1450 to the Present	3
DANC M01	Dance Appreciation	3	HIST M162	History of Asia From 1600 To The Present	3
or DANC M01H	Honors: Dance Appreciation		HIST M164	History of Latin America	3
DANC M03	Dance History	3	HIST M170	Western Civilization: From Prehistory to 1600	3
DANC M10A	Ballet I-Fundamentals	2	HIST M180	Western Civilization: From 1600 To The Present	3
DANC M11A	Jazz Dance I - Fundamentals	2	HUM M07	Survey of the Arts	3
DANC M12A	Modern Dance I - Fundamentals	2	HUM M10A	Ethics, Culture and the Arts: The Roots of the Humanities	3
DANC M31	World Dance Cultures	3	HUM M10B	Ethics, Culture and the Arts: Humanities and the Modern World	3
DES M100	Design and Society	3	HUM M11	Conflict and the Human Condition	3
or DES M100H	Honors: Design and Society		HUM M14	Humanities in the United States	3
DES M101	Design History	3	ITAL M100	Elementary Italian I	4
or DES M101H	Honors: Design History		JAPN M100	Elementary Japanese I	4
DES M130	Design I	3	JAPN M110	Elementary Japanese II	4
ENGL M01B	Literature: Critical Thinking and Composition	4	JOUR M05	Introduction to Visual Communication	3
or ENGL M01BH	Honors Literature: Critical Thinking and Composition		LAT M100	Elementary Latin I	4
ENGL M10A	Creative Writing	3	MUS M01	Music Fundamentals	3
ENGL M10B	Advanced Creative Writing	3	MUS M02A	Music Theory I	3
ENGL M13A	Survey of American Literature I	3	MUS M04	Survey of World Music	3
ENGL M13B	Survey of American Literature II	3	or MUS M04H	Honors: Survey of World Music	
ENGL M14	Introduction to Poetry	3	MUS M08	Music Appreciation	3
ENGL M15A	Survey of English Literature I	3	or MUS M08H	Honors: Music Appreciation	
ENGL M15B	Survey of English Literature II	3	MUS M09A	Music History I	3
ENGL M16	Introduction to Fiction	3	or MUS M09AH	Honors: Music History I	
ENGL M17	Shakespeare	3	MUS M09B	Music History II	3
ENGL M20	Introduction to Drama	3	or MUS M09BH	Honors: Music History II	
ENGL M29A	The Bible as Literature (Old Testament)	3	NS/RADT M17	Healthcare Ethics	3
ENGL M29B	The Bible as Literature (New Testament)	3	PHIL M01	Intro to Philosophy	3
ENGL M30A	Masterpieces of World Literature I	3	or PHIL M01H	Honors: Introduction to Philosophy	
ENGL M30B	Masterpieces of World Literature II	3	PHIL M02	Introduction to Ethics	3
ENGL M40	Children's Literature	3	or PHIL M02H	Honors: Introduction to Ethics	
FREN M100	Elementary French I	4	PHIL M03	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy	3
FREN M110	Elementary French II	4	PHIL M08	Philosophy of Religion	3
FTMA M101	Introduction to Cinema	3	PHIL M11	World Religions: West	3
FTMA M102	Introduction to Television Studies	3	PHIL M12	World Religions: East	3
FTMA M103	Introduction to Media Aesthetics	3	PHIL M13	The Classical Mind	3
FTMA M104	Introduction to Documentary Studies	3	PHIL M14	The Modern Mind	3
FTMA M105	History of International Cinema I: Emergence to World War II	3	PHIL M21	Ethics of Living and Dying	3
FTMA M106	History of International Cinema II: World War II to the Present	3	PHIL M22	Ethics of Business	3
FTMA M107	Directors and Genres	3	PHOT M10	Beginning Photography	3
FTMA M108	Women in Cinema	3	PHOT M40	History of Photography	3
FTMA M109	Contemporary American Cinema	3	SPAN M100	Elementary Spanish I	5
FTMA M110	Contemporary Global Cinema	3	SPAN M110	Elementary Spanish II	5
			SPAN M200	Intermediate Spanish I	5

SPAN M210	Intermediate Spanish II	5
THA M01	Introduction to Theatre	3
or THA M01H	Honors: Introduction to Theatre	
THA M02A	Acting I	3
THA M04	History of the Theatre	3
or THA M04H	Honors: History of Theatre	

## Natural Science Emphasis

The Associate in Arts in General Studies Pattern I with an emphasis in **Natural Sciences** degree will help students explore and critically examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena that affect many aspects of life. The students will also: learn the roles of hypothesis, measurements, and analysis in the development of scientific theories; be able to formulate an empirical hypothesis, carry out an experiment, critically analyze the data, and arrive at critical, well-thought solutions to a problem by employing proven scientific methodologies, both quantitative and empirical; learn to write scientific laboratory reports and provide an effective oral presentation of scientific research findings.

In addition, graduates of this program will understand the relationship between human activities and sciences and be able to apply natural sciences to improve their surroundings through introductory or integrative courses in anatomy, animal science, anthropology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, EATM, environmental studies, geography, geology, physiology, physics, and psychology

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
ANAT M01	Human Anatomy	4
ANPH M01	Human Anatomy and Physiology	6
ANSC/EATM M17	Animal Diversity	3.5
ANTH M01	Biological Anthropology	3
or ANTH M01H	Honors: Biological Anthropology	
ANTH M01L	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
AST M01	An Introduction to Astronomy	3
AST M01L	An Introduction to Astronomy Laboratory	1
BIOL M01	Introduction to Biology	4
BIOL M02A	General Biology I	5
or BIOL M02AH	Honors: General Biology I	
BIOL M02B	General Biology II	5
BIOL M02C	Genetics and Molecular Biology	5
BIOL M03	Marine Life and Its Environment	4
BIOL M05	Field Biology: A Natural History of California	4
BIOL M16	Human Biology	3
BIOL M16L	Human Biology Lab	1
BIOL M17	Heredity, Evolution and Society	3
BIOL M18	Human Biology for Pre-Allied	3
BOT M01	Introduction to Botany	5
BOT M06	Plants and Society	4
CHEM M01A	General Chemistry I	5
or CHEM M01AH	Honors: General Chemistry I	
CHEM M01B	General Chemistry II	5
CHEM M07A	Organic Chemistry I	5
CHEM M07B	Organic Chemistry II	5

CHEM M11	Foundations of General, Organic, and Biochemistry	5
CHEM M12	Introductory Chemistry I	4
CHEM M13	Introductory Chemistry II	5
ENSC M01	Environmental Science	3
ENSC M01L	Environmental Science Lab	1
ENSC M02	Environment and Human Interactions	4
ENSC M03	Energy Resources and Conservation	3
GEOG M01	Physical Geography	3
GEOG M01L	Physical Geography Lab	1
GEOG M05	Introduction to Weather and Climate	3
GEOL M02	Physical Geology	3
or GEOL M02H	Honors: Physical Geology	
GEOL M02L	Physical Geology Lab	1
GEOL M03	Earth History	3
GEOL M03L	Earth History Lab	1
GEOL M05	The World Ocean	3
GEOL M61	Natural Disasters	3
GEOL M121	Earth Science with Lab	4
MICR M01	General Microbiology	5
PHSO M01	Human Physiology	4
or PHSO M01H	Honors: Human Physiology	
PHSC M01	Principles of Physical Science	3
PHSC M01L	Principles of Physical Science Laboratory	1
PHYS M01	Descriptive Physics	3
PHYS M01L	Descriptive Physics Laboratory	1
PHYS M10A	General Physics I	4
PHYS M10AL	General Physics I Lab	1
PHYS M10B	General Physics II	4
PHYS M10BL	General Physics II Laboratory	1
PHYS M20A	Mechanics of Solids and Fluids	4
PHYS M20AL	Mechanics of Solids and Fluids Laboratory	1
PHYS M20B	Thermodynamics, Electricity, and Magnetism	4
PHYS M20BL	Thermodynamics, Electricity, and Magnetism Laboratory	1
PHYS M20C	Wave Motion, Optics, and Modern Physics	4
PHYS M20CL	Wave Motion, Optics, and Modern Physics Laboratory	1
PSY M02	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	3
or PSY M02H	Honors: Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	
ZOO M01	Introduction to Zoology	5

## Social and Behavioral Sciences Emphasis

The Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies Pattern I with an emphasis in **Social and Behavioral Sciences** offers a broad interdisciplinary curriculum designed for both general and area of emphasis students who are interested in pursuing an associate degree.

The courses that fulfill the **Social and Behavioral Sciences** area of emphasis will examine people as members of society. The courses are designed to develop students' awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences to stimulate critical thinking about the ways people respond to their societies and to promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate. The category would include

introductory or integrative survey courses in cultural anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, or related disciplines.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours			
ANSC/EATM M09	Animal Behavior	3		HIST M133	History of Mexican Americans 3
ANTH M02	Cultural Anthropology	3		HIST M135	Native American History and Culture 3
ANTH M03	Archaeology	3		HIST M137	History of American Women 3
ANTH M06	Introduction to Native American Studies	3		or HIST M137H	Honors: History of American Women
ANTH M07	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3		HIST M140	United States History 1865 to the Present 3
ANTH M08	Linguistic Anthropology	3		HIST M141	African American History Since 1877 3
ANTH M09	Sex, Gender, and Culture	3		HIST M143	History of California 3
ANTH M11	The Anthropology of Magic, Witchcraft and Religion	3		HIST M145	Race and Ethnicity in American History 3
ANTH M13	The Chumash and Their Neighbors: Indians of California	3		HIST M150	World History: From Prehistory to 1500 3
ANTH M14	Monkeys, Apes, and Humans	3		HIST M152	History of Asia from Prehistory to 1600 3
ANTH M15	Egyptology: Archaeology of the Land of the Pharaohs	3		HIST M160	World History: From 1450 to the Present 3
ANTH M16	Mysteries of the Ancient Maya	3		HIST M162	History of Asia From 1600 To The Present 3
ANTH M17	Forensic Anthropology	3		HIST M164	History of Latin America 3
BUS M30	Introduction to Business	3		HIST M170	Western Civilization: From Prehistory to 1600 3
CD M02	Human Development: Infancy through Adolescence	3		HIST M180	Western Civilization: From 1600 To The Present 3
CD M03	Child, Family, and Community	3		NTS M07	Cultural Foods 3
or CD M03H	Honors: Child, Family, and Community			PHIL M03	Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy 3
CD M05	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3		PHIL M22	Ethics of Business 3
CJ M01	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3		POLS M01	Introduction to Politics 3
or CJ M01H	Honors: Introduction to Criminal Justice			POLS M02	Comparative Politics 3
CJ M02	Concepts of Criminal Law	3		POLS M03	American Government & Politics 3
CJ M03	Community Relations	3		or POLS M03H	Honors: American Government and Politics
CJ M08	Introduction to Constitutional Law	3		POLS M04	International Relations 3
COMM M04	Interpersonal Communication	3		POLS M05	National, State and Local Politics 3
COMM M12	Intercultural Communications	3		POLS M06	Intro to Political Theory 3
COMM M13	Gender Communication	3		POLS M09	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods 3
ECON M170	Economic History of the US	3		PSY M01	Introduction to Psychology 3
ECON M201	Principles of Microeconomics	3		or PSY M01H	Honors: Introduction to Psychology
ECON M202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3		PSY M03	Personal Growth & Soc Awarenes 3
or ECON M202H	Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics			PSY M04	Child Psychology 3
ETHS M01	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	3		PSY M05	Social Psychology 3
ETHS M10	Introduction to African American Studies	3		PSY M06	Introduction to Behavioral Research Methods 3
ETHS M40	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3		PSY M07	Developmental Psychology (Lifespan) 3
FTMA M100/ JOUR M01	Introduction to Mass Communications	3		PSY M08	Abnormal Psychology 3
FTMA M108	Women in Cinema	3		PSY M10	Dying and Death 3
GEOG M02	Cultural Geography	3		PSY M13	Human Sexuality 3
GEOG M03	World Regional Geography	3		PSY M14	Cross-Cultural Psychology 3
or GEOG M03H	Honors: World Regional Geography			PSY M16	Personality Theories 3
HIST M25	History of the United States	3		SOC M110	Introduction to Sociology 3
or HIST M25H	Honors: History of the U.S			or SOC M110H	Honors: Introduction to Sociology
HIST M130	United States History Through Reconstruction	3		SOC M115	Social Problems 3
HIST M131	African American History to 1877	3		SOC M130	Introduction to Marriage and Family 3
				SOC M140	Introduction to Gender 3
				SOC M150	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity 3
				SOC M160	Introduction to Criminology 3
				SOC M212	Introduction to Sociology of Religion 3

SOC M216	Sociology of Deviant Behavior	3
SOC M218	Organized Crime and Terrorism	3