

# General Studies

## Associate of General Studies (AGS)



*Benson Meek received the President's Award in 2007. He made the most of his time at Glen Oaks, earning an Associate of General Studies degree and transferring the credits to Ferris State University to study for a Pharmacy Degree.*

**The Associate of General Studies** degree enables students to combine a broad core of basic courses with a program that can be tailored to their personal, academic, or professional goals. This degree may enhance current employment and/or fulfill the requirements for a specific college or university program. Intended as a flexible degree for students who are not pursuing a specified curriculum in the transfer or professional-technical area, the degree may also be appropriate for students who are undecided about future educational or career goals. Many General Studies graduates continue their studies at a college or university in such diverse fields as literature, fine and performing arts, education, religion, human services, philosophy, political and social sciences, and sports.

**Total.....62 Credits**

## Preparation

### Current High School Students:

To be prepared to enter directly into the first semester of college courses, the college recommends that you complete a Secondary School College Preparatory Career Pathway Sequence provided at many schools. Check with your High School Counselor for High School Graduation requirements and possible Articulation Agreements. *Courses might include English, Mathematics, General Science or Lab Science courses, Basic Keyboarding, Introduction to Computers, History, Physical Education, Foreign Language, Psychology/Sociology and Geography.*

### Adults Returning to School:

Don't underestimate your life experience!  
A Glen Oaks Community College counselor can help you assess your life experience and suggest how you can best apply those skills to your academic goals.

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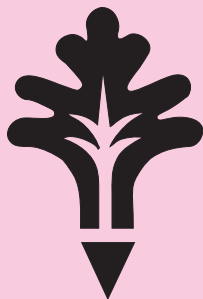
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**General Studies graduates often pursue a Bachelor Degree in diverse fields such as:**

- Education
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Literature
- Religion
- Human Services
- Philosophy
- Political
- Social Science
- Sports

# Associate of General Studies Degree

## Communications (9 required credit hours)

COM 121 English Composition\*  
 COM 122 English Composition\*..... 3 Credits  
 COM 140 General Communications: Speech.....3 Credits

**OR**

COM 150 Public Speaking.....3 Credits

## Computer Literacy (4 required credit hours)

EDP 101 Introduction to Computers & Software.....4 Credits

## Humanities (choose 8 credit hours from 2 different prefixes)

ART 220 History of Art I.....4 Credits  
 ART 221 History of Art II.....4 Credits  
 HUA 100 Art Appreciation.....4 Credits  
 HUF 161 Spanish I.....4 Credits  
 HUF 162 Spanish II\*.....4 Credits  
 HUF 163 Spanish III\*.....4 Credits  
 HUF 261 Spanish IV\*.....4 Credits  
 HUH 101 Modern Culture and the Arts.....4 Credits  
 HUL Literature Classes\*.....4 Credits  
 HUM 150 Music Appreciation.....4 Credits  
 HUM 151 Music Appreciation: Jazz & Pop.....4 Credits  
 HUP 210 Ethics\*.....4 Credits  
 HUP 230 Philosophy.....3 Credits  
 HUR 231 Comparative Religions.....4 Credits  
 HUR 232 Old Testament.....4 Credits  
 HUR 233 New Testament.....4 Credits  
 SSH 101 Western Civilization I:  
 Ancient World to 1715\*.....4 Credits  
 SSH 102 Western Civilization II:  
 Europe c. 1700 to Present\*.....4 Credits

## Mathematics (choose 4 credit hours)

NSM 104 Intermediate Algebra\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 105 Fundamentals of Modern Math\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 117 Finite Mathematics\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 151 College Algebra\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 153 College Trigonometry\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 161 Calculus I and Analytic Geometry\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 162 Calculus II and Analytic Geometry\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 261 Calculus III and Analytic Geometry\*.....4 Credits  
 NSM 262 Linear Algebra & Differential Equations\*.....4 Credits

## Social Science (choose 8 credit hours from 2 different prefixes)

BAE 203 Principles of Economics (Micro)\*.....4 Credits  
 BAE 204 Principles of Economics (Macro)\*.....4 Credits  
 SSA 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....4 Credits  
 SSG 110 American Government and Political Science\*..4 Credits  
 SSG 111 State & Local Government.....3 Credits

SSH 101 Western Civilization I:  
 Ancient World to 1715\*.....4 Credits  
 SSH 102 Western Civilization II:  
 Europe c. 1700 to Present\*.....4 Credits  
 SSH 201 U.S. History I:  
 European Colonization to 1877\*.....4 Credits  
 SSH 202 U.S. History II:  
 Reconstruction to the Present\*.....4 Credits  
 SSH 204 History of Michigan.....4 Credits  
 SSP 101 Psychology.....4 Credits  
 SSP 201 Psychology & Personality.....3 Credits  
 SSP 210 Human Growth & Development\*.....4 Credits  
 SSP 220 Abnormal Psychology.....4 Credits  
 SSS 120 Principles of Sociology.....4 Credits  
 SSS 220 Marriage & Family\*.....4 Credits

## Natural Science (choose 4 credit hours - 1 with lab)

NSA 101 Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology\*.....4 Credits  
 NSA 105 Principles of Anatomy & Physiology\*.....4 Credits  
 NSA 205 Human Physiology\*.....4 Credits  
 NSB 120 Biology.....4 Credits  
 NSB 121 General Biology I\*.....4 Credits  
 NSB 122 General Biology II\*.....4 Credits  
 NSB 230 Microbiology\*.....4 Credits  
 NSC 130 Chemistry\*.....4 Credits  
 NSC 133 General Chemistry I\*.....4 Credits  
 NSC 134 General Chemistry II\*.....4 Credits  
 NSG 142 Physical Geography.....4 Credits  
 NSP 151 General Physics\* .....4 Credits  
**AND** NSP 152 General Physics I Lab\*.....1 Credit  
 NSP 153 General Physics II\* .....4 Credits  
**AND** NSP 154 General Physics II Lab\*.....1 Credit  
 NSP 251 Physics I\* .....4 Credits  
**AND** NSP 252 Physics I Lab\*.....1 Credit  
 NSP 253 Physics II\* .....4 Credits  
**AND** NSP 254 Physics II Lab\*.....1 Credit  
 NSS 144 Astronomy\*.....4 Credits

## Physical Education Activity

**(2 credit hours required)**.....2 Credits

**Elective courses (23 credit hours required)**.....23 Credits

**Total.....62 Credits**

\*Course has a prerequisite

Note: Only AFD 063 Reading for College or AFD 073 Essential College Writing will be accepted toward elective credit Effective: Fall 2004

# An Associate of General Studies - Emphasis on International Studies

The Glen Oaks Community College International Studies Degree is a program designed to provide students with a basic foundation in global awareness. It is particularly aimed at anyone transferring to a four-year institution in the areas of international studies, international business, global peace, intercultural education, any of the social sciences, international affairs, and government and/or foreign service. Students entering this program must see the International Studies advisor before registering for any of these classes.

**Total.....64 Credits**

## **Coursework required:**

### **Communications (6 hours required):**

COM 121 English Composition*.....	3 Credits
COM 122 English Composition*.....	3 Credits

### **Social Science (20 hours required): Must take the following...**

SSA 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....	4 Credits
SSG 110 American Government and Political Science*.....	4 Credits
SSH 202 U.S. History II*.....	4 Credits
OR SSH 102 Western Civilization II*.....	4 Credits

**Humanities (choose 8 hours)** from Art, Music, Literature, Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy or Comparative Religion courses.

**Mathematics (choose 4 hours)** from Algebra, Finite Mathematics, Trigonometry, Geometry or Linear Algebra courses.

**Foreign Language (choose 8 hours)** and may be waived for students with demonstrated fluency in a foreign language. [French, Spanish or German].

**Physical Education (2 hours):** NSH 106 Wellness & Lifestyles course

**Natural Science (8 hours):** from Biology, Chemistry, Physics courses.

# Sample Courses

## **COM 121 English Composition 3 Credits, 3 Contacts**

A research based writing course in which students will work to develop their command of language as a means of shaping and ordering their experience and ideas, to develop their critical thinking skills, and to develop thought, organization, and clarity in their written work.

*Prerequisite: Proficiency in language skills on the ACT, SAT, Accuplacer Writing Sample or successful completion of AFD 073 Essential College Writing or AFD 074 Writing for College; for specific sections, indicated by lab requirement, Level 8 on the Accuplacer and Academic Foundation students needing additional help.*

## **ART 220 History of Art I 4 Credits, 4 Contacts**

This course is a historical survey of art from prehistory to the Renaissance. Art will be explored in the context of the culture in which it was created and the perspective of the artists. An exploration of the principles and practices of the artistic disciplines will enhance understanding of the art that will be covered.

*Prerequisite: None*

## **NSM 104 Intermediate Algebra 4 Credits, 4 Contacts**

This course is an extension of Introductory Algebra and prepares students for College Algebra or Calculus. Topics include operations with polynomials and rational algebraic expressions, graphs, rational exponents and radicals, complex numbers, equations and inequalities of the first and second degree, exponential and logarithmic functions, systems of linear and second-degree equations and inequalities, and conic sections. This class may be taught in an open lab or traditional classroom environment.

*Prerequisite: NSM 100 Introductory Algebra or placement by Accuplacer.*

# Transfer agreements

Transfer agreements between Glen Oaks and other colleges and universities make it possible for students to start their education programs at Glen Oaks and be assured they can earn specialized or advanced degrees at a transfer institution, without loss of time or credit. In this way, students with plans for a four-year degree can still get the advantage of a community college "start."

Glen Oaks urges you to visit the counselors in Student Services to coordinate your transfer plans with the latest information from your target transfer institution. Glen Oaks counselors have complete curriculum guides listing courses that will transfer for the programs, if they are taken at Glen Oaks. The counselors work closely with colleges, receive regular program information, communicate on a regular basis, and attend workshops and seminars at the institutions. Remember to also discuss these plans with your transfer school to ensure satisfaction.

**Transfer of credits is guaranteed if:** 1) The student met regularly with a GOCC counselor. 2) A grade of 2.0 (C) or better was achieved in each course to be transferred. 3) The course choices must be listed on the student's official curriculum guide sheet along with transfer school's name and major. If these conditions were met and a course does not transfer, Glen Oaks will refund the tuition for that course.

**NOTE:** Research projects do not transfer, but they may help because parallel sophomore coursework or the course experience may transfer to other colleges.

**This publication is intended to provide a general overview of the program. For current specific requirements, consult with a Glen Oaks Community College academic counselor. Reprinted 9/07**

# Career Resources

**Glen Oaks Career Counseling Services  
Students Services Department**  
(269) 467-9945 or (888) 994-7818  
[www.glenoaks.cc.mi.us](http://www.glenoaks.cc.mi.us)

**Michigan's Web-based Education  
Development Plan**  
[www.mi-edp.org](http://www.mi-edp.org)

**Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook  
Handbook**  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

**Michigan Occupational Information System  
MOIS**  
[www.mois.org](http://www.mois.org)

## Non-Discrimination Statement:

It is the policy of Glen Oaks Community College that no discriminatory practices based on gender/sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state, or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Contact the Associate Dean of Instruction or Civil Rights Coordinator at GOCC (269.467.9945) if you feel discriminatory practices have taken place.



**Benson Meek**, of Sturgis, received the 2006-2007 President's Award in May 2007. Benson "set a high standard for what a student can achieve while at Glen Oaks," former President Glenn Oxender said. Meek earned an **Associate of General Studies Degree**. He maintained a 3.9 GPA, worked as a Lab Assistant in the Science Department, and led Student Government while at Glen Oaks. He served in Phi Theta Kappa, the international scholastic honors organization for two year college students, and earned academic awards in General Chemistry I and II, Spanish I and II, Calculus I, a Two-Year Award for Student Government and a place in Who's Who Among America's Community College Students. Meek transferred his AGS degree credits to Ferris State University where is studying for a career as a pharmacist.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

- Personalized educational and career planning
- Financial aid and scholarships
- Flexible Schedules: day, evening, distance learning online/video classes
- Tutorial programs and free tutoring
- Modern labs and computer information classrooms
- Full-service library/computer center
- Small class size & caring, knowledgeable instructors.

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