

# ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES AGS

## What is the AGS Degree?

The **Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree** is a **flexible degree option** that allows students to create a **customized academic plan** using a combination of **general education, transfer, and career/technical courses**. The AGS includes a **core of general education courses** but allows for **personalized course selection** based on a student's educational and career goals.

**Unlike traditional transfer degrees (AAOT, ASOT, or AS), the AGS does not guarantee full transferability of all credits.** Students planning to transfer should work with an **academic advisor** to ensure their courses align with their intended four-year institution.

## Who Should Pursue the AGS Degree?

The AGS degree is best suited for students who:

- # Want a flexible degree that includes both transfer and career-focused courses.
- # Plan to transfer but need a customized pathway not available in traditional transfer degrees.
- # Need an associate degree for employment purposes rather than immediate university transfer.
- # Prefer to combine different subject areas to meet unique academic or career goals.

**Important:** The AGS degree does **not guarantee that all courses will transfer** to a four-year university. Students should consult an **academic advisor** to ensure their course selection meets transfer or career requirements.

## Benefits of the AGS Degree

- # Highly customizable—students can mix general education, transfer, and career/technical courses.
- # Allows for specialization based on career goals.
- # Meets associate degree requirements without being tied to a specific major.
- # Can include coursework from multiple disciplines.

## AGS Degree Requirements

To earn an **AGS degree**, students must complete a **minimum of 90 credits**, including general education and discipline-specific coursework, with a **grade of C or higher** and a **cumulative GPA of at least 2.0**.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General Requirements</b>		
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COM 111Z	Public Speaking	4
or COM 218Z	Interpersonal Communication	
<i>Mathematics</i>		
MTH 105Z	Math in Society (or higher)	4
<i>Writing</i>		
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
<b>Discipline Studies Requirements</b>		

Select at least one additional course from the approved list in each of 3-5 the following:

Arts and Letters Elective (<https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#Humanities>)

Science-Math-Computer-Science (<https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#science-math-comscience>)

Social Science Elective (<https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#Social-Sciences>)

### Elective Options

75-77

Additional courses numbered 100 or higher to bring the total to 90 credits.

Courses may include a mix of transfer and career/technical courses.

### Total Minimum Credits

90-94

## Additional Requirements

- # All courses must be at least 3 credits, and selected from the Approved Course List.
- # A minimum of 25% of program credits must be earned at UCC.
- # Students must attend at least two terms at UCC to receive the degree.
- # One course from the above categories must meet Cultural Literacy requirement.

## AGS Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the AGS degree will develop knowledge and skills in the following areas:

### Arts & Letters

- Engage in creative and critical expression to enhance quality of life.
- Analyze values and ethics within human experience.

### Mathematics

- Use mathematical reasoning to solve problems.
- Apply math and technology to analyze and interpret data.

### Science & Computer Science

- Understand and communicate scientific and technical information.
- Apply scientific inquiry to evaluate problems and solutions.

### Social Sciences

- Analyze human behavior and social structures.
- Use social science knowledge to enhance personal and global understanding.

### Communication & Writing

- Engage in ethical and effective communication.
- Read, think critically, and write for academic and professional audiences.
- Evaluate and utilize information responsibly.

### Cultural Literacy

- Understand and analyze cultural values, beliefs, and historical perspectives.

## How to Complete the AGS Degree

1. **Meet** with an academic advisor to create a customized academic plan.
2. **Complete** all required coursework with a C or higher and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

3. **Apply** for graduation and request your official transcript be sent to your transfer or employment institution.

## Key Considerations

- **The AGS is not a traditional transfer degree**, so students should check with their intended transfer institution regarding **credit acceptance policies**.
- **Advising is essential** to ensure courses align with career and educational goals.

## Next Steps

# **Talk** to an academic advisor to determine if the AGS degree is right for you.

# **Plan** your course schedule to stay on track for graduation.

For more information, speak with a **UCC academic advisor**.