

Associate's Degrees

Associate's Degree/Certificate of Achievement Requirements at GBC

Associate's degrees are intended to provide the first two years of a baccalaureate degree and fulfill the lower-division general education requirements.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from GBC with an associate's degree or certificate of achievement, you must adhere to the following requirements:

- You must complete all courses in a prescribed associate's degree or certificate of achievement program. You may select the program described in the catalog year in which you were initially enrolled, the catalog year in which you officially declare a program of study, or the catalog year in which you will complete the requirements for the associate's degree or certificate of achievement. Whichever catalog is used, it cannot be more than six years old at the time of graduation. If you have had major interruptions in completing your program, you should follow the current catalog.
- You must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Your GPA is based on the total credits you have taken at Great Basin College. Your grade-point average can be determined by combining the points received for all your GBC courses and dividing that total by the total number of credits.
- You must complete at least 15 semester credits at GBC. Thus, if you transfer to GBC and are pursuing a degree or a certificate of achievement, you must complete 15 semester credits regardless of the number of semester hours completed elsewhere. You cannot count challenge exam credit, non-traditional credit, or developmental courses (courses numbered below 100) as a part of the residency requirement. The 15 credits must be selected from regularly scheduled GBC courses. Credits transferred from other institutions will not be used for academic achievement designation. Students must complete 45 credits at GBC to be able to have honors designation.
- The College may accept up to 45 credits earned from the following: credits transferred to GBC, challenge examinations, military schooling, P.O.S.T., work experience, and internships. See page 21 for further details.
- You must file an application for graduation by October 15 or March 15 of the semester in which you wish to graduate. See page 52 for further details.
- For associate's degrees a minimum of 60 credits is required (30 credits for certificate of achievement).

- Students receiving a Certificate of Completion do not receive a diploma and do not participate in the graduation ceremony. Certificates of Completion are awarded at the department level.

Earning Multiple Associate's Degrees

You may earn more than one associate's degree provided all specified requirements for both degrees are fully satisfied. You should declare your intention to pursue an additional degree in the Office of Admissions and Records.

The courses taken for each additional associate's degree must include a minimum of 15 (not including developmental and community service) credits earned in residence beyond for the previously earned degree(s).

Students may pursue two associate's degrees simultaneously. Each degree requires a separate application for graduation.

Suggested Course Sequence

The course sequence outlined for each degree is simply a suggestion that may not be appropriate for all students. For example, some students will have to take from one to four developmental courses before they are prepared to take some of the college-level courses. Many students will need to take fewer courses each semester due to other obligations in their lives. Full-time status is 12 credits per semester, but many programs provide students with the flexibility of taking fewer credits (in order to have a successful academic experience). Meeting with an advisor is crucial to establishing the best course sequence for each student.

Associate of Arts Degree

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree is designed for persons planning a traditional liberal arts education and wishing to transfer to a four-year college or university. The AA provides for two years of study in general education, and it allows you to begin your major in such fields as art, English, and history. You can complete two years of study toward a bachelor's degree and satisfy the "Requirements Summary" for an Associate of Arts. GBC, with strong faculty and commitment to higher learning, has always provided solid liberal arts coursework for its students.

Students who pursue the Associate of Arts degree at GBC will gain valuable experience in reading, writing, and thinking. They will be asked to analyze, experience, and evaluate. They will learn much about themselves in the process. They will find GBC offers sophisticated and challenging liberal arts courses, taught in a cordial atmosphere by faculty dedicated to teaching.

Courses Having a “Z” Affix

The “Z” affix indicates a community education course which is not meant for transfer.

Important Note:

Some courses offered at Great Basin College may not be used for an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Bachelor of Arts degree. These courses may not be transferable to other Nevada colleges. These courses are identified in the catalog course descriptions with the following notation:

Class Attribute: This course cannot be used for an Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), or a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, and may not be transferable for other baccalaureate degrees in Nevada.

These courses are identified with a “course attribute” in the online course schedule with the following notation:

Non-transferable for an NSHE baccalaureate degree.

Associate of Arts Requirements Summary

	Credits
GBC Orientation	0.5
INT 100	
English/Communications	6
ENG 102 (prerequisite: ENG 101 or equivalent)	
Mathematics	3-5
MATH 120 (3 credits), or 5 credits at level of MATH 126 or higher (Includes STAT 152)	
Science	6
At least 3 credits from: BIOL 190, CHEM 100, CHEM 121, GEOL 101, PHYS 100, PHYS 151	
Select an additional three credits from the above or from: AGSC 100, ANTH 102, AST 101, BIOL 100, ENV 100, GEOG 103, NUTR 121	
Social Science	12
9 credits must come from the following two groups: U.S. and Nevada Constitutions: PSC 101, or HIST 101 and 102	
And: ANTH 101, 201, 202; CRJ 104; ECON 102, 103; GEOG 106; HIST 101, 102; HMS 200; PSC 101; PSC 210; PSY 101; SOC 101	
Select at least 3 additional credits of any social science from: ANTH (not 102), CRJ, ECON, HDFS 201, HIST (not 105,106), PSC, PSY, SOC, or WMST	
Humanities	6
At least 3 credits must come from: ART 160, 260, 261; ENG 203, 223, 250, 261; FIS 100; FREN 111, 112; HIST 105, 106; HUM 101; MUS 121, 125; PHIL 102; PHIL 129; SPAN 111 112, 211; THTR 100	
3 additional credits may come from any of the following: AM, ART 103, 160, 260, 261, 297; ENG 203, 223, 250, 261; FREN, HIST 105,106, HUM, MUS 121, 125; PHIL, SPAN, THTR 221	
Fine Arts	3
ART 100, 101, 107, MUS 101, or THTR 105	
Technology	3
CS 135, EDU 214, GIS 109, GRC 119, or IS 101	
Electives	
A minimum of 60 total credits is required. See an advisor to select appropriate courses.	

Agriculture Education

Associate of Arts (Pattern of Study)

Student Learning Outcomes

The Agriculture Education pattern is designed for students planning to enter a four year program for agriculture education. It prepares students with the course work necessary for application to the Great Basin College Bachelor's of Secondary Education degree with the agriculture endorsement. With careful selection of agriculture courses taken, the pattern of study prepares students for transfer to other institutions offering agriculture education bachelor's degrees. To best prepare for transfer of this degree to a bachelor's program, students should first visit with the agriculture faculty advisor at GBC and create a course schedule in coordination with the catalog requirements of the college into which the student wishes to transfer.

Upon completion of the pattern of study (and appropriate exams), students will earn an AA degree and have the ability to:

- Apply to the GBC Bachelor's of Secondary Education — Agriculture Endorsement.
- Transfer to a four-year program in agriculture education.
- Effectively communicate basic agriculture science principles
- Appreciate the complex relationships between the environment, the social aspect, and the science behind modern agricultural practices.

General Education Requirements	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> GBC Orientation	0.5
<input type="checkbox"/> English/Communications	6
ENG 101 and ENG 102	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics	5-6
MATH 126 or higher, including STAT 152	
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	6
AGSC 100, (BIOL 190 preferred)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Science	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology: EDU 214	3

List of courses fulfilling general education requirements is on page 55.

Emphasis Courses	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> AGSC 110 Introduction to Agriculture Management**	3
<input type="checkbox"/> AGSC 201 Agricultural Issues**	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COM 101 Oral Communication, or THTR 102 Introduction to Stage Voice, or	
<input type="checkbox"/> THTR 221 Oral Interpretation	3
<input type="checkbox"/> EDU 250 Foundations of Education (Corequisite: EDSC 311*)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NRES 150 Fundamentals of Plant Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/> WELD 211 Welding I**	3

*EDSC 311 is a one credit practicum course that doesn't count toward an associate's degree, however, it is required for a Bachelors of Arts in Secondary Education.

**Selected courses may be substituted for other appropriate agriculture electives as approved by an advisor.

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

AA—Agriculture Education***

FALL—1st Semester	Credits	
INT 100	0.5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AGSC 100 (Fall semester only)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
AGSC 110	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENG 101	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
MATH 126	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SOCIAL SCIENCE*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	15.5	

SPRING—2nd Semester	Credits	
BIOL 190	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ENG 102	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDU 214	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
MATH	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
NRES 150 (Spring semester only)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	16	

FALL—3rd Semester	Credits	
EDU 250	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EDSC 311	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
FINE ARTS*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
HUMANITIES*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SOCIAL SCIENCE*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
WELD 211	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	16	

SPRING—4th Semester	Credits	
AGSC 201	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COM 101, THTR 105, THTR 221	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
HUMANITIES	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SOCIAL SCIENCE*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
SOCIAL SCIENCE*	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	15	

*Select from page 55.
 ***See page 57.

Minimum Credits: 60.5