Diversified Studies

Associate in Arts or Associate in Science

Minimum of 61 credit hours

An Associate Degree in Arts or Associate Degree in Science in Diversified Studies is the degree option often used to meet specific academic needs, especially for adult college students or returning college students. Diversified Studies provides students the chance to create their own, personalized major. Whether students need a degree program that targets a specific job promotion or want to blend their areas of interest and talent into an associate degree individually planned for them, diversified studies offers these options. The Diversified Studies program graduates the most college students each year from OCCC. The key is to work with an Advisor, create a plan, follow that plan, and persist with the plan. This customized degree program requires the student to work with an Advisor to write and approve the individual degree plan that is then placed on file in the OCCC Records and Graduation Office. Again, an Academic Advisor can help students complete the appropriate forms.

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Course Grouping

Major Courses: None

General Education Courses: (37 credit hours) English: ENGL 1113; ENGL 1213; Mathematics: MATH 1503 or MATH 1513 or MATH 2013; History: HIST 1483 or HIST 1493; Political Science: POLSC 1113; Natural Sciences: Three to four credit hours of general education Biological Science; Three to four credit hours Physical Science--one of the science courses must include a lab component; Humanities: Six credit hours.; Electives: Nine credit hours General Education Electives with at least one three hour course from the following disciplines: Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Fine Arts (Art, Music, and Theatre) or Modern Languages.

Life Skills Courses: (1 credit hour) Life Skills: SCL 1001

Support Courses: (23 credit hours) Approved electives: 23 credit hours; must be approved by faculty advisor.

Program Notes

Notes: This program is designed for students planning to continue their education at a four-year college or university. See University Parallel/Transfer Programs in the general information section of the catalog.
Degree Program Course Descriptions

**BIO - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE**
Prerequisites: 
3 Credits Biological Science

**ENGL 1113 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION I**
Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures
3 Credits The student will write well-developed compositions which demonstrate the principles of unity, coherence, and organization and which contain specific details and vivid language. The students will locate library material and incorporate researched materials into compositions.

**ENGL 1213 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION II**
Prerequisites: ENGL 1103 or ENGL 1113 taken within the last year, with strong encouragement for immediate continuation.
3 Credits In this advanced writing course, students will create essays that explore and evaluate a variety of issues and perspectives suggested by fiction, poetry, drama, essays, and other types of cultural texts. Students will refine and augment the writing techniques they learned in ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1103 to develop well-reasoned, well-structured arguments in a clear, fluid, and engaging prose style.

**FA ELEC - FACULTY APPROVED ELECTIVE**
Prerequisites: 
3 Credits Faculty approved elective

**GEN ED - GEN ED ELECTIVE**
Prerequisites: 
3 Credits General Education elective

**HIST 1483 - U.S. HISTORY TO THE CIVIL WAR**
Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures
3 Credits After analyzing events in American history from 1870 to the present in such areas as political reform, industrialization, urbanization, ethnic acculturation and war, the student will be able to identify meaningful changes in his society, identify equal rights in that society, and help resolve conflict in this society based on the students search for change, equal rights and conflicts in the American past.

**HIST 1493 - U.S. HISTORY SINCE THE CIVIL WAR**
Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures
3 Credits A study of the principles, structure, processes and functions of the United States federal government.

**HUM - HUMANITIES ELECTIVE**
Prerequisites: 
3 Credits Humanities elective

**MATH 1503 - CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS**
Prerequisites: MATH 0403 or adequate math placement test score. Pre or Co-requisite ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1103
3 Credits A study of the mathematics needed for critical evaluation of quantitative information and arguments (including logic, critical appraisal of graphs and tables); use of simple mathematical models, and an introduction to elementary statistics.

**MATH 1513 - COLLEGE ALGEBRA FOR BUSINESS, LIFE SCIENCES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**
Prerequisites: MATH 0403 or adequate math placement test score; ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures
3 Credits The student will demonstrate an understanding of the general concepts of relation and function and specifically of polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic functions; the ability to solve systems of equations by utilizing matrices and determinants; and the ability to solve practical problems using algebra.

**MATH 2013 - INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS**
Prerequisites: MATH 0403 or adequate math placement test score; ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures
3 Credits The student will solve problems applying the concepts of random sampling, elementary probability, testing hypotheses, descriptive measures, chi-square, regression and correlation, and analysis of variance.

**PHYS - ANY PHYSICAL SCIENCE**
Prerequisites: 
3 Credits Any Physical Science

**POLSC 1113 - AMERICAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**