

GENERAL STUDIES AA: INTEGRATED STUDIES AREA OF CONCENTRATION (INTG CORE)

Total Credits: 60

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

The Integrated Studies Core allows students to explore a unique interdisciplinary combination of courses and disciplines. Students select 2 Cores and complete a minimum of 18 credits, 9 credits from each of the selected Cores.

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For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/general-studies/integrated-studies/index.html>

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Utilize and apply methods of inquiry from more than one disciplinary perspective in response to a problem, task, or experience.
- Apply quantitative and qualitative methods to demonstrate an understanding of the disciplines they have chosen to study.
- Communicate complex ideas using multiple modes of communication, including digital, written, oral and graphic communication.
- Articulate an academic or career-related plan that reflects an integrated, interdisciplinary view of their formal, co-curricular and personal learning and academic and career goals.
- Reflect on and assess their own learning as it applies to themselves as scholars and engaged, global citizens.

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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Suggested Course Sequence

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester

ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *

Mathematics Foundation 3 semester hours (MATF) ‡

Natural Sciences Distribution with or without Lab 3 semester hours (NSD)

General Education Institutional Requirement 3 semester hours (GEIR)

Elective 3 semester hours ‡‡

Third Semester

[Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution](#) 3 semester hours (BSSD) **

[General Education Institutional Requirement](#) 3 semester hours (GEIR)

Core 1, Course 1 3 semester hours

Core 1, Course 2 3 semester hours

Core 2, Course 1 3 semester hours

Second Semester

[English Foundation](#) 3 semester hours (ENGF) ‡

[Arts Distribution](#) 3 semester hours (ARTD)

[Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution](#) 3 semester hours (BSSD) **

[Humanities Distribution](#) 3 semester hours (HUMD)

[Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab](#) 4 semester hours (NSLD)

Fourth Semester

Core 2, Course 2 3 semester hours

Core 2, Course 3 3 semester hours

Core 1, Course 3 3 semester hours

Elective 3 semester hours ‡‡

Elective 2 semester hours ‡‡

Total Credit Hours: 60

* ENGL 101/ENGL 011 if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or select an elective.

** Behavioral and social sciences distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.

‡ Students should attempt ENGL and MATH foundation requirements within completion of the first 24 credits of college-level work or at the completion of any prerequisite or required non-credit coursework.

‡‡ Any credit hours beyond the minimum General Education credit hours (31) or core courses are counted toward elective credit hours.

NOTE: Exact semester credit counts may vary based on specific course selections.

This program can be completed either on campus or online.

Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu>.

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Related Careers

The General Studies degree provides opportunities for students to develop and hone their critical thinking, analytical, team-building and problem-solving skills. Students with General Studies degree will be able to successfully apply these skills in a wide range of careers.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com>

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