

GENERAL INFORMATION

Which Catalog?

The College of Southern Nevada publishes an annual catalog that covers the fall semester through the following summer term. Each associate degree or certificate of achievement student seeking to graduate from CSN is required to satisfy course requirements as defined in the college catalog.

A student may select the catalog year governing requirements for graduation under the following circumstances:

- The year in which the student enrolled, or
- The year the student officially selects a program of study, or
- The year in which the student will complete the degree requirements for an associate, bachelor’s degree or a certificate of achievement.

If a degree is offered for the first time after a student has enrolled, the student may choose the catalog year in which the degree or major was first offered. The selected catalog may not be more than six years old at the time of graduation for students receiving an associate degree or certificate of achievement, and not more than ten years old at the time of graduation for students receiving a bachelor’s degree.

Credit and GPA Requirements

All candidates for graduation must earn a minimum of 30 credits for a certificate of achievement, 60 credits for an associate degree and 120 credits for a bachelor degree. Candidates for graduation must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Candidates for graduation must complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours within CSN. For the Associate of Applied Science degree, a minimum of 15 credits must be earned in the special program requirements. Non-traditional credit, credit transferred from another institution, or credit earned through the course challenge process may not be used to establish the 15 credit residency requirement.

CSN General Education Core Requirements

Completing general education at CSN results in fulfilling the following student learning outcomes in the categories of English composition, mathematics, analytical reasoning, constitution, communication, literature, natural science, social science, humanities, values and diversity, humanities and fine arts.

- Construct college-level academic and professional writing using appropriate conventions;
- Employ research methods including how to obtain and use information via both print and electronic media;
- Solve problems in quantitative mathematical reasoning including probability, statistics, geometry, and consumer mathematics;
- Experience or interpret cultural, social and other differences, present in our society;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical foundations of analytical reason and its connection to natural language;

- Examine and interpret the United States and Nevada constitutions;
- Demonstrate general academic literacy applied to oral communication appropriate to different audiences and purposes;
- Use critical reading skills to engage and analyze literary texts;
- Define and apply basic concepts in one or two scientific disciplines;
- Acquire appreciation or introductory knowledge about social sciences and their insights about individual or group behaviors;
- Acquire appreciation or introductory knowledge of the humanities or languages, and at least one of the fine arts.

CSN General Education Core Distribution:

Core Content	AA	AB	AS	AAS
English	6	6	6	3
Literature	3	3	3	
Fine Arts	3*	3	3	3**
Humanities	6*	6	6	3**
Analytical Reasoning	3	3	3	
Mathematics	3	3	3	3
Natural Science	6	6		3
Social Science	9*		9	3**
Constitution	4	4	4	4
Communications				3
Human Relations				3

*Distribution depends on emphasis
 **Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science Requirement.

For the Comprehensive Degree Requirements, go to:

https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/u421/general_education_for_aa_as_and_ab_degrees_policy.pdf

or

https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/u421/general_education_for_aas_degrees_policy.pdf

Transfer Degrees

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university can earn the Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or the Associate of Science degree. These degrees provide the first two years of a four-year degree. *Any student transferring from the College of Southern Nevada with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or an Associate of Science degree will have that degree counted as fulfilling UNLV’s general education requirements without the necessity for a course-by-course articulation.*

Always see a counselor to outline a detailed degree plan of study and to obtain all current information on CSN degree requirements leading to graduation. See Transfer Students’ Rights and Responsibilities in this catalog.



COURSE NUMBERING INFORMATION

All undergraduate courses in the NSHE must be common-course numbered with equivalent courses offered throughout the System.

A system-wide course numbering rubric for all institutions shall be maintained so that baccalaureate transfer courses are clearly identified for student reference prior to registration under the following general course numbering parameters:

Remedial/Developmental Courses	001-099
Lower-Division Courses	100-299
Upper-Division Courses	300-499

Course numbers with a “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree; for example ACC 223B.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(AA) Associate of Arts, (AB) Associate of Business, and (AS) Associate of Science

The general education requirements listed here cover transfer degrees to NSHE four-year institutions. The completion of the associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of business degree automatically fulfills the lower-division general education requirements at any other NSHE institution¹. Completion of the associate of arts, associate of science, or the associate of business degree does not guarantee satisfaction of all State College or university lower-division requirements except for the lower-division general education requirements².

The general education requirements for the AA, AB, and AS degrees cover the following NSHE General Education Requirements³:

- English (3-6 credits)
 - Freshman level English Composition including English 102.
- Mathematics (3 credits)
 - Three credits of lower-division coursework.
- Natural Science (6 credits)
 - Six credits of lower-division coursework to include at least one laboratory experience.
- Social Sciences or Humanities/Fine Arts (9 credits)
 - Nine credits of lower-division coursework in either the social sciences or humanities/fine arts.
- U.S./Nevada Constitutions
 - Instruction must be given in the essentials of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada, including the origin and history of the Constitutions and the study of and devotion to American institutions and ideals pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 396.500 for all associate and baccalaureate degrees.

The general education requirements at CSN are broken down as follows:

Common Core Requirements

All students must satisfy these requirements.

- Mathematics
- English
- Values and Diversity

Subject Area Requirements

Students pursuing a General Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree must complete all these requirements. Student pursuing a specific major will complete those requirements outside the student’s major. Special program degree requirements for specific majors will contain requirements fulfilling the General Education requirements for that major’s Subject Area.

- Literature
- Analytical Reasoning
- Natural Science
- Humanities
- Fine Arts
- Social Sciences
- U.S. and Nevada Constitutions

Additionally

In no case may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirement.

The General Education requirements do not include remedial courses which may need to be taken before completing some of the subject areas listed below. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion. All degree-seeking students must be continuously enrolled in appropriate mathematics and English courses until the institutional core curriculum mathematics and English requirements are completed⁴. Finally, general education courses cannot be waived.

AA/AB/AS General Education Requirements and Course Choice Breakdown

MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

MATH 120 or higher; or STAT 152

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)

ENG 100 or 101 or 113; and ENG 102 or 114

LITERATURE (3 credits)

ENG 223 or above

ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)

PHIL 102 or 114



NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)

Choose two courses; one must include a lab.

ANTH 102; AST; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 105 or above; EGG; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS

HUMANITIES (6 credits)

COM 101; and one course from ANTH; ENG 223 or above; HIST; World Languages 111 or above; PHIL 101, 119, 129, 201, 202, 203; RST

FINE ARTS (3 credits)

ART; DAN 101; MUS; THTR

SOCIAL SCIENCE (9 credits)

Choose three courses; each course must be from a different discipline.

ANTH (except ANTH 102); CRJ 104; ECON; PHIL 135, 205, 207, 216, 244, 245, 246, 249; PSC; PSY (except 270); SOC; WMST 113

U.S. and NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)

PSC 101; or
HIST 101 and 102; or
HIST 101 and 217; or
HIST 111 and 102; or
HIST 111 and 217

VALUES and DIVERSITY

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements.

ANTH 101, 106, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 215, 216, 217;
ART 253, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 267, 270;
COM 133;
CRJ 120;
BUS 101;
DAN 101;
ECON 180;
EDU 280;
ENG 223, 231, 232;
HIST 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 208, 209, 210, 227, 228, 247, 260, 275, 285, 286, 293;
LAS 100, 101, 210, 223, 224;
MHDD 110;
MKT 210, 250;
MUS 121, 125, 134;
PHIL 124, 135, 202, 207, 210, 215, 245, 247;
PSC 201, 205, 222;
PSY 101, 101H, 102, 207, 208, 224, 233, 234, 241, 261, 276;
RST 101, 136, 150, 170, 260, 270;
SOC 101, 102, 205, 222, 225, 270, 275, 276;
WMST 101, 113, 255, 285, 286

¹BoR Handbook Rev 269 (03/16) Title 4, Chapter 14, page 12.
²BoR Handbook Rev 269 (03/16) Title 4, Chapter 14, page 12.
³BoR Handbook Rev 269 (03/16) Title 4, Chapter 14, page 17.
⁴BoR Handbook Rev 267 (09/15) Title 4, Chapter 16, page 3.

(AAS) Associate of Applied Science

The general education requirements listed here cover degrees that provide employment related and career enhancing skills necessary to succeed in a chosen occupational or technical field of study. Although the AAS degree is not designed to transfer to a four-year program at other NSHE institutions, many of the courses will transfer to NSHE or other four-year colleges and universities.

The general education requirements at CSN are broken down as follows:

- Mathematics
- English Composition
- Communications
- Human Relations
- Natural Science
- Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science
- U.S. and Nevada Constitutions

Additionally

In no case may one course be used to meet more than one requirement.

The General Education requirements do not include remedial courses which may need to be taken before completing some of the subject areas listed below. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion. All degree-seeking students must be continuously enrolled in appropriate mathematics and English courses until the institutional core curriculum mathematics and English requirements are completed⁵. Finally, general education courses cannot be waived.

AAS General Education Requirements and Course Choice Breakdown

MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

MATH 100B or above; BUS 109B*
*For Business majors only

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3-5 credits)

ENG 100 or 101 or 107 or 113

COMMUNICATIONS (3 credits)

BUS 108; COM 101, 102, 115, 215; ENG 102, 107, 114, 205; JOUR 102; THTR 105

HUMAN RELATIONS (3 credits)

ALS 101; ANTH 101, 112, 201, 205; COM 102, ECE 202; HIST 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 210, 247, 260; HMS 130; MGT 100B, 283; PHIL 135, 210, 216, 245; PT 122*; PSC 201; PSY 101, 102, 207, 208, 261; SOC 101 or above; WMST 113
*For Physical Therapy majors only

NATURAL SCIENCE (3 credits)

ANTH 102; AST 101 or above; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 103 or above; EGG 131, 132; ENV 101 or above; ET 131B; GEOG 103, 104, 116, 117; GEOL 100 or above; HHP 123B, 124B; MT 102B, 110B; PHYS 110 or above



FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCE (3 credits)

AM 145 or above; ANTH 101 or above (except 102); ART 101 or above; COM 101 or above; CRJ 104; DAN 101; ECON 100 or above; ENG 223 or above; GEOG 106; HIST 101 or above; World Languages 101B or above; MUS 101 or above; PHIL 101 or above; PSC 101 or above; PHO 101B; PSY 101 or above; SOC 101 or above; THTR 100 or above; WMST 113

U.S. and NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)

PSC 101; or
 HIST 101 and 102; or
 HIST 101 and 217; or
 HIST 111 and 102; or
 HIST 111 and 217

³BoR Handbook Rev 267 (09/15) Title 4, Chapter 16, page 3.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OPTIONS**BAS - Bachelor of Applied Science Degree**

Four-year program for a specific occupation intended to respond to the needs of the workforce.

BS - Bachelor of Science Degree

Four-year program for a specific occupation.

AA - Associate of Arts Degree

Two-year program designed for transfer and completion of a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

AAS - Associate of Applied Science Degree

Two-year program for a specific occupation intended to respond to the needs of the workforce, that may be transferred to a NSHE institution offering a BAS degree.

AB - Associate of Business Degree

Two-year program designed for transfer and completion of a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

AGS - Associate of General Studies Degree

Two-year program providing a general education that is NOT designed to transfer to a four-year institution.

AS - Associate of Science Degree

Two-year program designed for transfer and completion of a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

CA - Certificate of Achievement

One-year program within an occupational area.

SC - Skills Certificate

An industry-driven and defined certificate recognizing identified core competencies and issued by an academic department upon completion of a defined set of courses of a specific duration.

