

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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The Associate in Arts degree requires 60 eligible college-level credits including 36 credits in general education, 24 credits of acceptable electives, and satisfaction of the foreign language proficiency requirement.

General Education Program Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree (36 Credits)

The general education program at Valencia is an integral part of the A.A. degree program and is designed to contribute to the student's educational growth by providing a basic liberal arts education. A student who completes the general education program should have achieved the following outcomes:

Cultural and Historical Understanding: Demonstrate understanding of the diverse traditions of the world, and an individual's place in it.

Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning: Use processes, procedures, data, or evidence to solve problems and make effective decisions.

Communication Skills: Engage in effective interpersonal, oral and written communication.

Ethical Responsibility: Demonstrate awareness of personal responsibility in one's civic, social and academic life.

Information Literacy: Locate, evaluate and effectively use information from diverse sources.

Critical Thinking: Effectively analyze, evaluate, synthesize, and apply information and ideas from diverse sources and disciplines.

The general education program is 36 semester credits which serve as the core of the curriculum. The 36 credits are selected from 5 core areas of academic courses offered at Valencia: Communications, Humanities, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences.

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| Area 1. Communications | 12 |
| Area 2. Humanities | 6 |
| Area 3. Mathematics | 6 |
| Area 4. Science | 6 |
| Area 5. Social Sciences | 6 |
| Total Credit Hours | 36 |

Area 1. Communications

Required Courses - There are a required 12 credits. The Freshman Composition courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C to fulfill the Gordon Rule Requirement

| Freshman Composition I | | |
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| ENC 1101 | FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I ^{++~} | 3 |
| or ENC 1101H | Freshman Comp I Honors | |

| Freshman Composition II | | |
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| ENC 1102 | Freshman Comp II ^{++~} | 3 |
| or ENC 1102H | Freshman Comp II-Honors | |
| Select one of the following Oral Communication courses: | | |
| SPC 1608 | FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH ~ | |
| SPC 1608H | Fundamentals of Speech- Honors ~ | |
| SPC 1017 | Interpersonal Communication ~ | |
| SPC 1017H | Interpersonal Comm - Honors ~ | |
| New Student Experience | | |
| SLS 1122 | New Student Experience ~ | 3 |
| or SLS 1122H | NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE-HONORS | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 12 |

Area 2. Humanities

Required Courses - There are 6 required credits. Students must take three credits hours from the Core offerings and three credit hours from Institutional offerings. One course must be a Gordon Rule (GR) course, and completed with a minimum grade of C to fulfill the Gordon Rule Requirement ¹

| Core | | |
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| ARH 1000 | ART APPRECIATION ~ | |
| HUM 1020 | Intro To Humanities ~ | |
| or HUM 1020H | Intro to Humanities - Honors | |
| LIT 1000 | Intro to Lit ~ | |
| MUL 1010 | MUSIC APPRECIATION ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| PHI 2010 | Philosophy ~ | |
| THE 1000 | INTRODUCTION TO THEATER ~ | |
| Institutional | | |
| HUM 2220 | HUMANITIES - GREEK AND ROMAN ^{++~ (GR)} | 3 |
| or HUM 2220H | Humanities Greek and Roman Hon | |
| HUM 2223 | MEDIEVAL HUMANITIES ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| or HUM 2223H | MEDIEVAL HUMANITIES - HONORS | |
| HUM 2232 | Hum Renaissance and Baroque ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| or HUM 2232H | Hum Renaissance and Barque Hon | |
| HUM 2234 | 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY HUMANITIES ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| or HUM 2234H | 18TH AND 19TH CENTURY HUMANITIES - HONORS | |
| HUM 2250 | 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY HUMANITIES ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| or HUM 2250H | 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY HUMANITIES - HONORS | |
| HUM 2310 | Mythology ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| or HUM 2310H | Mythology Honors | |
| HUM 2403 | MIDDLE EASTERN HUMANITIES ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| HUM 2410 | Asian Humanities ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| HUM 2454 | AFRICAN - AMERICAN HUMANITIES ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| HUM 2461 | LATIN AMERICAN HUMANITIES ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| or HUM 2461H | LATIN AMERICAN HUMANITIES - HONORS | |
| REL 2300 | WORLD RELIGIONS ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| ARC 1701 | History of Architecture I ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| ARH 2051 | Introduction to Art History II ^{++~ (GR)} | |
| MUT 1111 | Music Theory I ^{~1} | |

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| PHI 2600 | ETHICS AND CRITICAL THINKING ^{++~} (GR) | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 6 |

¹ MUT 1111 must be paired with MUL 1010 to satisfy both the Institutional Humanities and Gordon Rule requirements.

Area 3. Mathematics

Required Courses - There are 6 required credits. Students must take three credit hours from the Core offerings, and three credit hours from either the Core or Institutional offerings. All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C to meet the Gordon Rule Requirement. Any student who successfully completes a mathematics course for which one of the general education core course options in mathematics is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the mathematics core.

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| Core ^{^must take a minimum of three credit hours} | | 3 |
| MAC 1105 | COLLEGE ALGEBRA ^{++~} (GR) | |
| or MAC 1105H | College Algebra - Honors | |
| MGF 1106 | COLLEGE MATHEMATICS ^{++~} (GR) | |
| or MGF 1106H | COLLEGE MATHEMATICS - HONORS | |
| MGF 1107 | Math for the Liberal Arts ^{++~} (GR) | |
| MAC 2311 | CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY I ^{++~} (GR) | |
| or MAC 2311H | Calc/Analytic Geometry I Honor | |
| STA 2023 | STATISTICAL METHODS ^{++~} (GR) | |
| or STA 2023H | STATISTICAL METHODS - HONORS | |
| Institutional ^{^students may take three or more credit hours} | | 3 |
| MAC 1114 | College Trigonometry ^{++~} (GR) | |
| MAC 1140 | Precalculus Algebra ^{++~} (GR) | |
| MAC 2312 | CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY II ^{++~} (GR) | |
| or MAC 2312H | Calc/Analytic Geometry II-Hrs | |
| MAC 2233 | Calc For Busn and Soc Scien ^{++~} (GR) | |
| or MAC 2233H | Calc for Busin and Soc Sci H | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 6 |

Area 4. Science

Required Courses -There are 6 required credits. Students must take at least three credit hours from the Core offerings and three credit hours from either the Core or Institutional offerings. Any student who successfully completes a natural science course for which one of the general education core course options in natural science is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the natural science core.

Valencia does not require a science course with a laboratory. Courses with a C designation have a combined class and laboratory; however, university majors determine if the student must take one or more laboratory science courses at Valencia. To select the most appropriate science courses for your major or transfer plan, complete an education plan through Atlas.

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| Core ^{^minimum of three credit hours required} | | 3 |
| AST 1002 | Astronomy ~ | |
| or AST 1002H | Astronomy-Honors | |
| BSC 1005 | Biological Science ~ | |
| BSC 1005L | LAB IN APPLIED BIOLOGY ~ | |

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| BSC 1005C | BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE COMBINED ~ | |
| or BSC 1005H | BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE - HONORS | |
| BSC 1010C | GENERAL BIOLOGY I ^{*~} | |
| or BSC 1010H | GENERAL BIOLOGY I HONORS | |
| CHM 1020 | Chemistry In Everyday Life ~ | |
| CHM 1045C | GENERAL CHEMISTRY WITH QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS I ^{*~} | |
| or CHM 1045H | GENERAL CHEMISTRY WITH QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS I -HONORS | |
| ESC 1000 | Earth Science ~ | |
| EVR 1001 | Intro to Environ Science ~ | |
| or EVR 1001H | Intro to Environ Science Hon | |
| PHY 1020 | Conceptual Physics ~ | |
| PHY 2048C | GENERAL PHYSICS WITH CALCULUS I ^{*~} | |
| or PHY 2048H | GENERAL PHYSICS WITH CALCULUS I - HONORS | |
| PHY 2053C | COLLEGE PHYSICS I WITH ALGEBRA ^{*~} | |
| Institutional ^{^students may take three or more credit hours} | | 3 |
| BOT 2010C | BOTANY ~ | |
| BSC 1011C | GENERAL BIOLOGY II ^{*~} | |
| or BSC 1011H | GENERAL BIOLOGY II - HONORS | |
| BSC 1020 | Human Biology ~ | |
| BSC 1020C | HUMAN BIOLOGY COMBINED ~ | |
| BSC 1026 | Biology of Human Sexuality ~ | |
| or BSC 1026H | Biol of Human Sexuality Honors | |
| BSC 1421C | INTRODUCTION TO BIOTECHNOLOGY ~ | |
| BSC 2093C | HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I ^{*~} | |
| BSC 2094C | HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II ^{*~} | |
| CHM 1025C | INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL CHEMISTRY ^{*~} | |
| CHM 1046C | GENERAL CHEMISTRY WITH QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS II ^{*~} | |
| GLY 2010C | Physical Geology ~ | |
| GLY 2160 | Geology of National Parks ~ | |
| HUN 1201 | The Science of Nutrition ~ | |
| MET 1010 | Intro To Meteorology ~ | |
| OCB 1000 | Intro to Marine Biology ~ | |
| OCE 1001 | Intro To Oceanography ~ | |
| or OCE 1001H | Intro to Oceanography-Honors | |
| PHY 2049C | GENERAL PHYSICS WITH CALCULUS II ^{*~} | |
| PHY 2054C | COLLEGE PHYSICS II WITH ALGEBRA AND TRIGONOMETRY ^{*~} | |
| MCB 2010C | MICROBIOLOGY ^{*~} | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 6 |

Area 5. Social Sciences

Required Courses - There are 6 required credits. Students are required to take three credit hours from the Core offerings and three credit hours from Institutional offerings. The three hours of Institutional credit will apply toward the Gordon Rule (GR) requirement and must be completed with a minimum grade of C to fulfill the Gordon Rule Requirement.

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| Core | | 3 |
| POS 2041 | U.S. Government ~ | |
| or POS 2041H | US Government Honors | |

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| AMH 200 or AMH 200H | U.S. History 1877 to Present ~ US Hist 1877 to Pres Honors | |
| ANT 2000 or ANT 2000H | Introductory Anthropology ~ Introductory Anthropology Hon | |
| ECO 2013 or ECO 2013H | Principles of Economics-Macro Prin of Economics-Macro-Honors | |
| PSY 2012 or PSY 2012H | General Psychology ~ General Psychology-Honors | |
| SYG 2000 or SYG 2000H | Introductory Sociology Introductory Sociology-Honors | |
| Institutional | | 3 |
| ASL 2510 | DEAF CULTURE ^{++~} (GR) | |
| EUH 2000 | Ancient and Medieval West Civ ^{++~} (GR) | |
| EUH 2001 or EUH 2001H | Modern Western Civ ^{++~} (GR) MODERN WESTERN CIVILIZATION-HONORS | |
| INR 2002 or INR 2002H | International Politics ^{++~} (GR) International Politics Honors | |
| POS 2112 or POS 2112H | STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ^{++~} (GR) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - HONORS | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 6 |

- + This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- * This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog
- ~ This is a General Education course.
- (GR) Denotes a Gordon Rule course

Electives/Required Prerequisites for Major (24 Credits)

Most college-level credit courses taught at Valencia will count toward elective credit. Any credits in excess of the minimum required in any of the five core areas listed above will count as elective credits. University majors require certain prerequisite courses before transferring; these are the courses that should be taken as electives at Valencia.

To select the most appropriate electives, create an education plan through Atlas for review with a Student Services staff member.

Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement

Valencia's college-level foreign language proficiency requirement can be satisfied in one of the following ways:

- You may complete two credits (two years) of high school instruction in one language other than English with a passing grade each year as documented on your official high school transcript.
- You may successfully complete one of the following sequences in a single foreign language with a letter grade of "C" or better:

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| ARA 1120 & ARA 1121 | ELEMENTARY ARABIC I and ELEMENTARY ARABIC II | 8 |
| ASL 2140 & ASL 2150 | AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I and AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II | 8 |
| CHI 1120 & CHI 1121 | ELEMENTARY CHINESE I and ELEMENTARY CHINESE II | 8 |

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| FRE 1120 & FRE 1121 | ELEMENTARY FRENCH I and ELEMENTARY FRENCH II | 8 |
| GER 1120 & GER 1121 | ELEMENTARY GERMAN I and ELEMENTARY GERMAN II | 8 |
| ITA 1120 & ITA 1121 | ELEMENTARY ITALIAN I and ELEMENTARY ITALIAN II | 8 |
| JPN 1120 & JPN 1121 | ELEMENTARY JAPANESE I and ELEMENTARY JAPANESE II | 8 |
| LAT 1120 & LAT 1121 | ELEMENTARY LATIN I and ELEMENTARY LATIN II | 8 |
| POR 1120 & POR 1121 | ELEMENTARY PORTUGUESE I and ELEMENTARY PORTUGUESE II | 8 |
| POR 1340 & POR 1341 | PORTUGUESE FOR HERITAGE SPEAKERS I and PORTUGUESE FOR HERITAGE SPEAKERS II | 8 |
| SPN 1120 & SPN 1121 | ELEMENTARY SPANISH I and ELEMENTARY SPANISH II | 8 |
| SPN 1340 & SPN 1341 | SPANISH FOR HERITAGE SPEAKER and SPANISH FOR HERITAGE SPEAKER II | 8 |

- You may satisfy this requirement by successfully completing foreign language course work at the Elementary II college level with a minimum grade of "C."
- Demonstration of proficiency by passing a CLEP (College Level Examination Program) foreign language test or a foreign language proficiency test administered by the University of Central Florida. Students who earn college-level foreign language credits through course work or CLEP may apply these credits toward the 24 Elective credits.
- If your native language is a language other than English, you may satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement by successful completion of English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course requirements and successful completion of the Area I Communications requirements for the Associate in Arts degree.
- Demonstrated college-level proficiency in American Sign Language (either through completion of eight semester credits or successful completion of ASL 2150) can be used to fulfill this requirement at Valencia.
- Demonstration of proficiency by passing Advanced Placement test with a score of 4 or higher.
- American Sign Language cannot be used to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement at many universities. Students are responsible for verifying acceptability at the institution to which they plan to transfer.

Note: Satisfaction of this graduation requirement for Valencia may also satisfy the foreign language admission requirement for Florida public universities; it may or may not satisfy a specific university graduation requirement. Students are encouraged to find out the specific requirements of institutions in which they are interested.

Civic Literacy Requirement

As per Florida Rule 6A-10.04213, prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, first-time-in-college students entering a Florida College System institution in the 2018-19 school year, and

thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options prior to graduation:

- successfully passing POS 2041 (<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/search/?P=POS%202041>) U.S. GOVERNMENT. or AMH 2020 (<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/search/?P=AMH%202020>) U.S. HISTORY 1877 TO PRESENT or
- successfully passing a prescribed assessment: AP Government & Politics: United States Test (passing score =3, or AP United States History Test (passing score = 4), or CLEP American Government (passing score = 50)