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.

Core courses are established by the State Board of Education to create a common General Education experience at every public institution in each of the 5 core areas. Core courses must be offered and accepted by every Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS) institution. Core courses account for 15 credits in the General Education program. Institutional courses are established by each college and university to support their General Education program outcomes. Institutional courses account for the remaining 21 credits of the 36 credit General Education program.

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

Core		
Freshman Composition I		
ENC 1101	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I +*~[1]	3
or ENC 1101H	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I - HONORS	
Institutional		
Freshman Composition II		
ENC 1102	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION II +*~	3
or ENC 1102H	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION II - HONORS	
Select one of the following Oral Communication courses:		**3**
SPC 1608	FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH ~	
SPC 1608H	FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH - HONORS ~	
SPC 1017	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION ~	
SPC 1017H	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION HONORS ~	
New Student Experience		**3**
SLS 1122	NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE ~	
or SLS 1122H	NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE-HONORS	
Total Credit Hours		**12**

[1] Students who complete ENC 1101 FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I with a grade of C or better will earn the Fundamentals of Written Communication digital badge.

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

Core		**3**
ARH 1000	ART APPRECIATION ~	
or ARH 1000H	ART APPRECIATION - HONORS	
HUM 1020	INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES ~	
or HUM 1020H	INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES - HONORS	
LIT 1000	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE ~	
MUL 1010	MUSIC APPRECIATION +*~ (GR)	
PHI 2010	PHILOSOPHY ~	
THE 1000	INTRODUCTION TO THEATER ~	
Institutional		**3**
HUM 2220	GREEK AND ROMAN HUMANITIES +*~ (GR)	
or HUM 2220H	GREEK AND ROMAN HUMANITIES-HONORS	
HUM 2223	MEDIEVAL HUMANITIES +*~ (GR)	
or HUM 2223H	MEDIEVAL HUMANITIES - HONORS	
HUM 2232	RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE HUMANITIES +*~ (GR)	
or HUM 2232H	HUMANITIES - RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE - HONORS	

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 ~[2]	
PHI 2600	ETHICS AND CRITICAL THINKING +*~ (GR)	
Total Credit Hours		**6**

[2] 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.

Core ^must take a minimum of three credit hours		**3**
MAC 1105	COLLEGE ALGEBRA +*~ (GR)	
or MAC 1105H	COLLEGE ALGEBRA - HONORS	
MGF 1130	MATHEMATICAL THINKING +*~ (GR)	3
MAC 2311	CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY I +*~ (GR)	
or MAC 2311H	CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY I - HONORS	
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	CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY II - HONORS	
MAC 2233	CALCULUS FOR BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE +*~ (GR)	
or MAC 2233H	CALCULUS FOR BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE	
MGF 1131	MATHEMATICS IN CONTEXT +*~ (GR)	3
Total Credit Hours		**12**

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.

Core ^minimum of three credit hours required		**3**
AST 1002	ASTRONOMY ~	
or AST 1002H	ASTRONOMY - HONORS	
BSC 1005	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE ~	
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 SCIENCES ~	
EVR 1001	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ~	
or EVR 1001H	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE HONORS	
GLY 2010C	PHYSICAL GEOLOGY	
OCE 1001	INTRODUCTION TO OCEANOGRAPHY	
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	~	
BSC 1026	BIOLOGY OF HUMAN SEXUALITY ~	
or BSC 1026H	BIOLOGY 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 2160	GEOLOGY OF NATIONAL PARKS ~	
HUN 1201	THE SCIENCE OF NUTRITION ~	
MET 1010	INTRODUCTION TO METEORLOGY ~	
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.

Core		**3**
POS 2041	U.S. GOVERNMENT ~	
or POS 2041H	U.S. GOVERNMENT - HONORS	
AMH 2010	UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1877 ~	
AMH 2020	U.S. HISTORY 1877 TO PRESENT ~	
or AMH 2020H	UNITED STATES HISTORY 1877 TO PRESENT - HONORS	
ANT 2000	INTRODUCTORY ANTHROPOLOGY ~	
or ANT 2000H	INTRODUCTORY ANTHROPOLOGY - HONORS	
ECO 2013	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS-MACRO ~	
or ECO 2013H	PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS-MACRO-HONORS	
PSY 2012	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY ~	
or PSY 2012H	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY - HONORS	
Institutional		**3**
ANT 2410	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY +*~ (GR)	
ASL 2510	DEAF CULTURE +*~ (GR)	
EUH 2000	ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL WESTERN CIVILIZATION +*~ (GR)	
EUH 2001	MODERN WESTERN CIVILIZATION +*~ (GR)	
or EUH 2001H	MODERN WESTERN CIVILIZATION-HONORS	
INR 2002	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS +*~ (GR)	
or INR 2002H	INTERNATIONAL POLITICS HONORS	
POS 2112	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT +*~ (GR)	
or POS 2112H	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - HONORS	
SYG 2000	INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY +*~ (GR)	
or SYG 2000H	INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY- HONORS	
SYG 2010	SOCIAL PROBLEMS +*~ (GR)	
WOH 2012	WORLD HISTORY TO 1500 +*~ (GR)	
WOH 2022	WORLD HISTORY SINCE 1500 +*~ (GR)	
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

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

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:

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
FRE 1120 & FRE 1121	ELEMENTARY FRENCH I and ELEMENTARY FRENCH II	8
GER 1120 & GER 1121	ELEMENTARY GERMAN I and ELEMENTARY GERMAN 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
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

Satisfy the civic literacy requirement. As per Florida Rule 6A-10.04213*, prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, students initially entering a Florida College System institution in the 2021-22 school year, and thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy prior to graduation by:
a. receiving a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE), and
b. successful completion of one of the following:

- 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)
  *receiving a passing score will satisfy both the FCLE and course requirements.