

# Associate of Arts- General Studies

The Associate's of Art General Studies provides a point of access into the university for individuals seeking a post-secondary education at the two-year level. Also provides maximum flexibility for students who are either undecided about their career plans or who wish to create a program that suits their unique interests. Suitable for individuals wishing to build their academic skills in preparation for admittance into a restricted program.

## Skills and Competencies

As in most other fields, strong interpersonal communication and organizational skills are a must for any professional. Other valuable skills and competencies specific to the your concentration will depend on the area of expertise. Though you will be directed advised by the Academic and Career Advisement Center in Jacobetti, you should also check with the department that sponsored your concentration for further information.

## Course Work

Select a minimum of 16 credits from the prefixes listed below. Courses may com from one prefix or muple prefixes. Courses that meet the General Education Program don't meet major courses.

Art and Design  
Anthropology  
Broadcasting  
Chinese  
Dance  
Economics  
English  
French  
German  
General Studies  
Gerontology  
History  
International Studies  
Music  
Native American Studies  
Philosophy  
Public Relations  
Political Science  
Recreation  
Spanish  
Sociology  
Speach  
Social Work  
Theatre

*Detailed course descriptions can be found at [www.nmu.edu/bulletin](http://www.nmu.edu/bulletin).*

## Career Development

You should begin the resume-building process as soon as you can. The Academic and Career Advisement Center can assist you with career planning, while Career Services will help you fine tune your resume and look for jobs related to your field. In the meantime, the more hands-on experience you have, the better the chances are that you will find a job. Becoming involved in a professional related internship is a way to develop your professional skills and gain experience. Your academic course work is important as well, so be sure to maintain a high grade point average.

## Additional Considerations

General University Studies is a Associate of Arts requiring 60 credits to complete. This should take approximately four semesters to complete.

## Job Outlook

Since the job potential will only be limited by the concentration within the degree, please refer to the link to the Occupational Outlook Handbook on the back of this brochure. Earnings and benefits will solely depend on the career you are pursuing.

# Potential Careers

Specific jobs will be determined by the course of study. If you have a concentration in mind, it might not be a bad idea to stop and talk to the sponsoring department to see what sort of opportunities are available. Each concentration could lead to many choices of careers.

# Additional Resources and Information

For Career Planning and Opportunities:  
Academic & Career Advisement Center  
3302.1 C.B. Hedgcock  
906-227-2971  
[www.nmu.edu/acac](http://www.nmu.edu/acac)  
103 Jacobetti Complex  
906-227-2283

For Job Search, Resume and Career Information:  
Career Services  
3302.3 C.B. Hedgcock  
906-227-2800  
[www.nmu.edu/careers](http://www.nmu.edu/careers)

For Information about NMU Student Organizations Associated with this Major Contact:  
Center for Student Enrichment  
1206 University Center  
906-227-2439  
[www.nmu.edu/cse](http://www.nmu.edu/cse)

Internet Resource Links:  
[www.careers.org](http://www.careers.org)  
[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

For Career Information with National Organizations: National organizations will depend on specific concentrations within this degree. If you are interested in organizations please check another brochure from the same department or visit their main office.



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