

Associate's Degrees

Associate's Degree/Certificate of Achievement Requirements at GBC

Associate's degrees are intended to provide the first two years of a baccalaureate degree and fulfill the lower-division general education requirements.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from GBC with an associate's degree or certificate of achievement, you must adhere to the following requirements:

- You must complete all courses in a prescribed associate's degree or certificate of achievement program. You may select the program described in the catalog year in which you were initially enrolled, the catalog year in which you officially declare a program of study, or the catalog year in which you will complete the requirements for the associate's degree or certificate of achievement. Whichever catalog is used, it cannot be more than six years old at the time of graduation. If you have had major interruptions in completing your program, you should follow the current catalog.
- You must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Your GPA is based on the total credits you have taken at Great Basin College. Your grade-point average can be determined by combining the points received for all your GBC courses and dividing that total by the total number of credits.
- You must complete at least 15 semester credits at GBC. Thus, if you transfer to GBC and are pursuing a degree or a certificate of achievement, you must complete 15 semester credits regardless of the number of semester hours completed elsewhere. You cannot count challenge exam credit, non-traditional credit, or developmental courses (courses numbered below 100) as a part of the residency requirement. The 15 credits must be selected from regularly scheduled GBC courses. Credits transferred from other institutions will not be used for academic achievement designation. Students must complete 45 credits at GBC to be able to have honors designation.
- The College may accept up to 45 credits earned from the following: credits transferred to GBC, challenge examinations, military schooling, P.O.S.T., work experience, and internships. See page 22 for further details.
- You must file an application for graduation by October 15 or March 15 of the semester in which you wish to graduate. See page 54 for further details.
- For associate's degrees a minimum of 60 credits is required (30 credits for certificate of achievement).

- Students receiving a Certificate of Completion do not receive a diploma and do not participate in the graduation ceremony. Certificates of Completion are awarded at the department level.

Earning Two Associate's Degrees

You may earn two associate's degrees provided all specified requirements for both degrees are fully satisfied. You should declare your intention to pursue a second degree in the Office of Admissions and Records.

The courses taken for the second degree must include a minimum of 15 (not including developmental and community service) credits earned in residence beyond the requirement for the first degree.

Students may pursue two associate's degrees simultaneously. Each degree requires a separate application for graduation.

Suggested Course Sequence

The course sequence outlined for each degree is simply a suggestion that may not be appropriate for all students. For example, some students will have to take from one to four developmental courses before they are prepared to take some of the college-level courses. Many students will need to take fewer courses each semester due to other obligations in their lives. Full-time status is 12 credits per semester, but many programs provide students with the flexibility of taking fewer credits (in order to have a successful academic experience). Meeting with an adviser is crucial to establishing the best course sequence for each student.

Associate of Arts Degree

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree is designed for persons planning a traditional liberal arts education and wishing to transfer to a four-year college or university. The AA provides for two years of study in general education, and it allows you to begin your major in such fields as art, English, and history. You can complete two years of study toward a bachelor's degree and satisfy the "Requirements Summary" for an Associate of Arts. GBC, with strong faculty and commitment to higher learning, has always provided solid liberal arts coursework for its students.

Students who pursue the Associate of Arts degree at GBC will gain valuable experience in reading, writing, and thinking. They will be asked to analyze, experience, and evaluate. They will learn much about themselves in the process. They will find GBC offers sophisticated and challenging liberal arts courses, taught in a cordial atmosphere by faculty dedicated to teaching.

Associate of Science Degree

The Associate of Science (AS) degree is designed to help students use the methods of observation, special analysis, and logic in order to understand the mathematical, biological, and physical nature of the world. The AS degree permits you to make early choices if you are planning a professional life in mathematics, science, engineering, or medicine.

The Associate of Science degree provides study in mathematics, biology, chemistry, geology, astronomy, and physics. The degree is designed to help you appreciate the natural laws of the earth you walk on and the universe you live in.

You should always determine the program requirements of your future college or university when you are planning your schedule.

Students pursuing a mathematics emphasis will benefit from a structured schedule of courses. The following courses are offered sequentially and concurrently as indicated:

MATH 152 and MATH 181
 MATH 182 and PHYS 151 or PHYS 180
 MATH 253, MATH 283, and BIOL 190
 INT 359, MATH 285, and IS 101

Contact the Mathematics Department for transfer information for the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Courses Having a “B” or “Z” Affix

Courses numbered 001-299 having a “B” affix indicates that the course will not presently transfer to Nevada’s two universities, but this does not necessarily mean that it cannot transfer to other colleges and universities. “B” courses will not fulfill requirements for an Associate of Arts or Science degree.

The “B” designator does not appear on transcripts. The “Z” affix indicates a community education course which is not meant for transfer.

Associate of Science Requirements Summary

	Credits
GBC Orientation.....	0.5
INT 100	
English/Communications.....	6
ENG 102 (prerequisite: ENG 101 or equivalent)	
Mathematics	5
At the level of MATH 126 or higher (Includes STAT 152)	
Science more than	12
At least 3 credits from: BIOL 190, CHEM 100, 121, GEOL 101, PHYS 100, 151	
Select an additional three credits from the above or from: ANSC 100, ANTH 102, AST 101, BIOL 100, ENV 100, GEOG 103, NUTR 121	
Select additional credits for a total of more than 12 science credits from any 3 or 4 credit BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, or PHYS (with a lab component), and complete 4 or more science courses.	
Social Science	9
Select from the following, with at least 3 credits from U.S. and Nevada Constitutions: U.S. and Nevada Constitutions: PSC 101, or HIST 101 and 102	
And: ANTH 101, CRJ 104, ECON 103, GEOG 106, HIST 101, 102, HMS 200, PSC 101, PSC 210, PSY 101, SOC 101	
Humanities.....	3
ART 160, 260, 261, ENG 203, 223, FIS 100, FREN 111, 112, HIST 105, 106, HUM 101, MUS 121, 125, PHIL 102, PHIL 129, SPAN 111, 112, 211, or THTR 100	
Fine Arts.....	3
ART 100, 101, 107, MUS 101, or THTR 105	
Technology.....	3
EDU 214, GIS 109, GRC 119, or IS 101	
Electives	
A minimum of 60 total credits is required. See an adviser to select appropriate courses.	