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COMMUNICATION AREA		
	General Education Course	
Communicat	ion AA, AS, AAS	2-3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3

# **Philosophy Statement**

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  - Public Communication
  - Listening
  - Group Communication
  - Nonverbal Communication

- Mass Communication
- Computer-Mediated Communication

At the end of this course, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding and application of human communication concepts in the areas of communication process, public communication, listening, group communication, nonverbal communication, mass communication, and computer-mediated communication on a comprehensive final exam to account for 20% of the final grade in COMM 101.

	ENGLISH AREA	
	<b>General Education Courses</b>	
English	AA & AS AAS	6 3
ENGL 101 ENGL 102	English Composition 1 English Composition 2	3 3

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- · Students can evaluate information and sources critically.
- Students can incorporate and document source information appropriately, effectively, and correctly.

At the end of English 101 and 102, student achievement of the above objectives will be measured via electronic outcomes assessment essays and/or portfolios.

HUMANITIES AREA			
General Education Courses			
Humanities (Languages		6-12	
ARTS 101	Art History 1	3	
ARTS 102	Art History 2	3	
ENGL 126	Film & Literature	3	
ENGL 175	Introduction to Literature	3	
ENGL 215	Survey of World Mythology	3	
ENGL 257	Western World Literature 1	3	
ENGL 258	Western World Literature 2	3	
ENGL 267	Survey of English Literature 1	3 3 3 3 3 3 3	
ENGL 268	Survey of English Literature 2	3	

ENGL 2//	Survey of American Lit 1		3
ENGL 278	Survey of American Lit 2		3
FREN 101	Elementary French 1		4
<b>FREN 102</b>	Elementary French 2		4
<b>HUMA 101</b>	Intro to Humanities 1		3
<b>HUMA 102</b>	Intro to Humanities 2		3
JAPN 101	Elementary Japanese 1		4
JAPN 102	Elementary Japanese 2		4
MUSI 100	Music Appreciation		3
MUSI 108	Survey of Jazz & Pop Music		3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy		3
PHIL 202	Ethics		3
PORT 101	Elementary Portuguese 1		4
PORT 102	Elementary Portuguese 2	•	4
SIGL 101	American Sign Language 1		4
SIGL 102	American Sign Language 2		4
SIGL 201	American Sign Language 3		4
SIGL 202	American Sign Language 4		4
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish 1		4
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish 2		4
SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish 1		4
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish 2		4
THEA 101	Theatre Appreciation		3
THEA 201	Theatre History 1	8	3
THEA 202	Theatre History 2		3

## **Philosophy Statement**

General education in the humanities develops the knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable one to value, reflect upon, and gain an understanding of the arts, philosophy, and cultural diversity.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

General education courses in the humanities address at least three of the following five student learning outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate how the arts, philosophy, or languages reflect and shape humanity and the values of cultures.
- 2. Students will analyze major artistic and philosophical works from representative periods and movements.
- Students will recognize and gain an understanding of cultural diversity as reflected in languages, the arts, or philosophy.
- Students will develop the skills to critically evaluate artistic and philosophical works and their contribution to the human experience.
- Students will possess the skills to initiate and sustain conversations in which they can communicate competently at the level appropriate to their language exposure and experience.

	MATHEMATICS ARE	4	
General Education Courses			
Mathematics	AA & AS AAS		3-5 3
MATH 123 MATH 130 MATH 143	Math in Modern Society Finite Math (Retired) College Algebra		3 4 3

MATH 147	Precalculus	5
MATH 160	Brief Calculus	4
MATH 170	Calculus 1	5
MATH 253	Elementary Statistics	3

# **Philosophy Statement**

General education in Mathematics develops the understanding of mathematics as a language which permits the student to express, define, and answer questions about the world.

# **Student Learning Outcomes**

- The students will be able to analyze real-world questions and mathematically structure strategies to model the questions.
- 2. The students will be able to correctly provide solutions to the models of the questions.
- The students will be able to communicate the solutions to the questions when analyzed and solved mathematically.

	SCIENCE AREA	
	General Education Courses	
Science (2 courses / 1		-12
AGRI 180 BIOL 100 BIOL 120 BIOL 201 BIOL 202 BIOL 227 BIOL 227 BIOL 228 CHEM 100 CHEM 101 CHEM 101 GEOG 100 GEOL 101 GEOL 102 GEOL 104 PHYS 100 PHYS 101 PHYS 111	Food System Science Concepts of Biology Environmental Science Biology 1 Biology 2 Introductory to Microbiology Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 Chemistry in Everyday Life Introduction to Chemistry Essentials of Organic & Biochemistry Principles of Chemistry 1 Physical Geography Physical Geology Historical Geology Natural Disasters & Environmental Geology Survey of Physics Survey of Astronomy General Physics 1 General Physics 2	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

# **Philosophy Statement**

General education in Science allows students to understand the process of science and the major concepts and theories found in the scientific field chosen.

# **Student Learning Outcomes**

- 1. Students will understand how science is conducted.
  - Students will be able to recognize and describe patterns in the universe.
  - Students will be able to apply knowledge of patterns to predict or explain phenomena.

DEGREE & CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students will demonstrate skills and techniques as they gain experience in safely observing phenomena to test accepted patterns or establish new patterns.
- Students will be able to perform accurate and precise measurements, develop testable hypotheses and controlled reproducible experiments that will establish, change, or validate our understanding of patterns in the universe.
- Students will understand major concepts and theories in the scientific field chosen.
- 3. Students will apply and appreciate the use of science in everyday life.

	SOCIAL SCIENCE AREA	
	<b>General Education Courses</b>	
Social Science (2 different of	ce AA & AS disciplines) AAS	6-12 3
ANTH 101 ANTH 102 CRIJ 103 ECON 201 ECON 202 GEOG 102 GEOG 200 HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 111	Physical Anthropology Cultural Anthropology Introduction to Law & Justice Principles of Macroeconomics Principles of Microeconomics Cultural Geography World Regional Geography Western Civilization 1 Western Civilization 2 US History 1	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
HIST 112 POLS 101	US History 2 American National Government	3 3 3

<b>POLS 102</b>	Intro to Political Science	3
POLS 221	Intro to International Relations	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
SOCY 101	Introduction to Sociology	3

## **Philosophy Statement**

General education in Social Science improves the student's ability to understand, interpret, and apply knowledge for evaluating and valuing human behavior.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

General education courses in the social sciences address at least three of the following five student learning outcomes:

- 1. Students will develop an appreciation for the importance of understanding human behavior.
- Students will understand the need to accurately interpret human behavior.
- Students will understand the importance of historical events and their impact on society.
- Students will analyze world and local governments and their impact on a global society.
- 5. Students will develop an understanding and appreciation of law and its impact on society.

# **DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

A graduation GPA of 2.0 or better is required for graduation with a degree or certificate.

Associate of Arts	Hours
General Education Hours	36
Communication	3
English	6
Humanities (Languages 8cr max)	6-12
Mathematics	3-5
Science (2 courses with 1 lab course)	7-12
Social Science (2 different disciplines)	6-12
PHYE 155 Health & Wellness	
or 2 PHYA/DANC activities	2-3
Total Hours Required for this Degree	64

Associate of Science	Hours
General Education Hours	36
Communication	3
English	6
Humanities (Languages 8cr max)	6-12
Mathematics	3-5
Science (2 courses with 1 lab course)	<i>7</i> -12
Social Science (2 different disciplines)	6-12
Total Hours Required for this Degree	64

Associate of Applied Science	Hours
General Education Hours	16
Communication	3
English	3
Mathematics	3
Social Science	3
Other Gen. Ed. Courses	4
Total Hours Required for this Degree	64

Technical Certificate	Hours
General Education Hours	9
Communication or English	3
Mathematics	3
Social Science	3
<b>Total Hours Required for this Certificate</b>	28-51

Postsecondary Certificate	Hours
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Total Hours Required for this Certificate 8-27

## **General Education Groups**

Specific General Education groups may be removed from the above curricula of those majors in the same area as the General Education group. These include Humanities, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science.

# **English Composition**

The College of Southern Idaho requires that students receiving an Associate of Arts or Science degree (A.A. or A.S.) take an English composition course. Students who earn credit by exam for ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 are required to take ENGL 201, Intermediate Expository Composition.

## **Computer Literacy Requirement**

The College of Southern Idaho recognizes and advocates the critical need for computer literacy. Basic computer literacy at CSI is defined as a demonstrated ability to use technology to access, manipulate, evaluate, use and present information.

Any students graduating with an Associate Degree (AA, AAS, AE, and AS) must demonstrate computer competency before they graduate, and it is **strongly** suggested that such proficiency be demonstrated within the first 15 credits hours of coursework.

- Pass the Computer Skills Assessment with a score of 70% or better in all four areas. The first attempt is covered by student fees and may be taken without charge an unlimited number of times in a 30 day period. After 30 days, students will be charged a nominal fee for each retake. There is a 24 hour waiting period for each retake.
- 2. If one or more parts of the Assessment are not passed with a 70% or better, students may choose to complete an equivalent class. An example of this is a student passes the word processing and presentation section but not the spreadsheet section, the student may then enroll in the Introduction to Spreadsheet class. With a grade of C or better in that class, the sudent has then demonstrated competency in all four areas since assessment Equivalent classes are:
  - a. CISA 141 Introduction to Word Processing (1 credit)
  - b. CISA 115 Introduction to Excel (1 credit)
  - c. CISA 135 Introduction to Presentation Software (1 credit)
  - d. CISA 130 Introduction to Windows (1 credit)

Students will be exempt from this testing requirement if they have completed any course listed below with a grade of C or better. Students earning a D grade will receive credit for the class but will need to either repeat the class or complete the CSA exam to meet the graduation requirement.

Course	Requirement Met
CISA 101	Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Presentation, Windows
BUSA 215	Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Presentation, Windows
EDUC 215	Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Presentation, Windows
VETT 103	Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Presentation, Windows
CISA 145	Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Presentation, Windows

Students will be required to demonstrate competency in all four sections prior to applying for graduation from the College of Southern Idaho.

A list of objectives and more information about Computer Literacy can be found at <a href="http://computerliteracy.csi.edu">http://computerliteracy.csi.edu</a>.

### **Catalog Rights For Graduation**

The College of Southern Idaho issues a new catalog for every academic year (fall, spring, and summer consecutive semesters). Students seeking to earn a degree or certificate from CSI must satisfy program graduation requirements, which may change from one catalog to the next. Students are responsible for remaining informed about these changes.

CSI evaluates students' degree and/or certificate completion based on the graduation requirements stipulated in the catalog at the time the student matriculates or enters the major.

Students who have maintained "continuous enrollment," or enrolled in credit classes at CSI for at least one term per academic year, have the option of meeting the graduation requirements stated in the catalog in effect under a more current year. Changing the catalog year is done by submitting a formal request to the Admissions and Records Office.

Students who lose continuous enrollment status are considered "returning students" and are subject to graduation requirements outlined in the catalog in effect at the time of re-enrollment in a declared major as a degree-seeking student.

If while enrolled at CSI, a student changes or declares a new major, he/she will be held to the requirements outlined in the catalog in effect at the time of the change. Students will need to complete a Change of Major form and submit it to the Admissions and Records Office if they desire to change majors. CSI recognizes only one declared major; however, students may earn two or more degrees and/or certificates simultaneously, provided students satisfy catalog requirements.

Either the college or the program may find it necessary to update requirements for students who have been enrolled at CSI or in a particular program for a period of <u>five years or more</u>. Substitutions for discontinued courses or program requirements may be authorized or required by the proper college authorities.

All requirements for graduation outlined in the applicable catalog must be met before the degree or certificate is awarded. Students need to follow the catalog in its entirety - they may not elect to follow different catalogs for their general education requirements and for their major program requirements.

Catalog rights do not exempt students from changes in course prerequisites. Students must follow prerequisites stated in the course descriptions in the current catalog. If the addition of course prerequisites increased the total number of credits required for the degree, students are encouraged to meet current course prerequisites, but are not required to do so.

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# Appendix B: General Education Outcomes and Assessment Committee Membership

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#### ADDENDUM TO THE 2013-2014 COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO CATALOG

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#### **SCIENCE AREA**

### **General Education Courses**

AGRI 180 Food System Science, BIOL 100 Concepts of Biology,
BIOL 120 Environmental Science, BIOL 201 Biology 1, BIOL 202 Biology 2,
BIOL 221 Introductory to Microbiology, BIOL 227 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1,
BIOL 228 Human Anatomy & Physiology 2, CHEM 100 Chemistry in Everyday Life,
CHEM 101 Introduction to Chemistry, CHEM 102 Essentials of Organic & Biochemistry,
CHEM 111 Principles of Chemistry 1, GEOG 100 Physical Geography,
GEOL 101 Physical Geology, GEOL 102 Historical Geology,
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#### **SOCIAL SCIENCE AREA**

#### **General Education Courses:**

ANTH 101 Physical Anthropology

ANTH 102 Cultural Anthropology

CRIJ 103 Introduction to Law & Justice

**ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics** 

**ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics** 

GEOG 102 Cultural Geography

GEOG 200 World Regional Geography

HIST 101 Western Civilization

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POLS 102 Intro to Political Science

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PSYC 101 General Psychology

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