FOCUS Facts

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

ADULT EDUCATION YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES

The Associate of Arts in General Studies is designed for adults who have zero or minimal college credits. You will complete foundational course work in communication, history, art, literature, mathematics, science and Bible in approximately 32 months. Course work is designed with a Christian worldview to help participants integrate faith with learning. Students finishing the degree will be eligible to move directly into one of the existing FOCUS Degree Completion programs.

Program Cost

Academic year
2012-2013
Tuition: $400 per credit
Books $1,500 (est.)

Talk to your FOCUS admission counselor about these options for earning elective credit:

- DSST/CLEP
- Distance education
- Additional college courses
- Vocational or technical credits
- Prior learning essays
- Military training
- Internships

AA-General Studies Requirements (60 credits)

- Written Communication 6
- Oral Communication 3
- Humanities (2 areas) 6
- Science & Mathematics (2 areas) 8
- Social Science (2 areas) 8
- Bible 14
- Electives 15

Associate of Arts Coursework (60 credits)

ANT2049	Anthropology	3
ART1009	Art Appreciation	3
BIA1009	Spiritual Living Discipleship	2
BIA2119	Bible Study Methods	2
BIA2129	World Evangelism Theory and Methods	2
BIB1009	Old Testament Studies	2
BIB1019	New Testament Studies	2
BIB2229	Jesus in the Gospels	4
ECO2209	Concepts of Economics	3
ENG1109	Composition	4
ENG2209	Critical Thinking and Writing	2
HIS1009	Issues and Problems in the History of the Western World	4
LIT1109	Introduction to Literature	3
MAT1009	Liberal Arts Mathematics	4
PHI2009	Survey of Philosophy	3
PSY1009	General Psychology	4
SCI1029	Environmental Science	4
SOC1039	Sociology	4
SPE1079	Public Speaking and Communication Fundamentals	3
STS1019	Adult Learner Success Strategies	2

Associate of Arts coursework can be completed in approximately 36 months.

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ANT2049 Anthropology 3 cr
A study of selected individual societies ranging from bands to states, representing a wide range of geographical environments. Students make an in-depth study of one particular society. Equivalent to ANT2045.

ART1009 Art Appreciation 3 cr
An introductory study in the field of art, covering the elements and principles of design and representational and creative expression. The course is designed to develop the student's appreciation of art. Equivalent to ART1005.

BIA1009 Spiritual Living Discipleship 2 cr
A study of spiritual formation and the role of discipleship in the believer's transformation toward Christlikeness. Attention is given to the disciplines of spiritual living and the process of discipleship. Equivalent to BIA1005.

BIA2119 Bible Study Methods 2 cr
Development of inductive Bible study skills. Attention is given to historical and cultural factors of the text that relate to understanding biblical passages as well as to methods for application of biblical principles. Equivalent to BIA2115.

BIA2129 World Evangelism Theory and Methods2 cr
This course lays a biblical foundation for the examination of personal evangelism and world missions. Attention is given to the roles of the individual, the ministry organization, and the local church in evangelism and missions. Strategies for organizing outreach are considered. Equivalent to BIA2125.

BIB1009 Old Testament Studies 2 cr
A survey of critical passages of the Old Testament that tie together God's plan as manifested through the covenants. Attention is given to the role of Israel as God's agent on earth and the prophetic references to Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan. Important principles for ministry and Christian living are identified. This course is **not** equivalent to BIB1001.

BIB1019 New Testament Studies 2 cr
A survey of critical passages of the New Testament, focusing on the work of Christ and showing the place of the church and Israel in God's plan. Attention is given to the extension of Christ's work through the Apostles and local churches as a basis for formulating biblical principles of ministry. Equivalent to BIB1002.

BIB2229 Jesus in the Gospels 4 cr
A study of the socio-historical background of the gospels, the various interpretative methods applied to the gospels, the portraits of Jesus found in the four gospels, and a survey of the life of Christ. Meets the requirements for BIB2220.

ECO2209 Concepts of Economics 3 cr
Economic history tracing the principles of macroeconomics and microeconomics. This course is **not** equivalent to ECO2201 and ECO2202.

ENG1109 Composition 4 cr
A writing course designed to prepare students for college-level thinking and writing. Emphasis will be placed on the writing process, including editing skills. Equivalent to ENG1105.

ENG2209 Critical Thinking and Writing 2 cr
(PQ: ENG1109 or equivalent transfer course, and Editing Competency Exam passed or equivalent)
A writing course designed to improve students' skills in source analysis, critical thinking, and argumentation as they create research papers. Students will develop skills in research by using reference materials, journals, and databases used by scholars in their disciplines. Equivalent to ENG2205.

HIS1009 [Issues and Problems in the] History of the Western World 4 cr
A survey of Western civilization with emphasis upon the development of Western cultural traditions from ancient to early modern times. Special attention is given to the Bible as an historical document and to institutional development and cultural diffusion. Equivalent to HIS1005.

LIT1109 Introduction to Literature 3 cr
A study of the literary genres of fiction, poetry, and drama. Emphasis is placed on literary conventions and textual analysis. Equivalent to LIT1100.

MAT1009 Liberal Arts Mathematics 4 cr
A course designed for non-mathematics majors to expose students to the mathematics they will use to function in society. Topics include the development of problem-solving skills, the mathematics of finance, and the basics of probability and statistics. Equivalent to MAT1005.

PHI2009 Survey of Philosophy 3 cr
A survey of the principal problems and systems in Western philosophy. Attention is given to methodology, ethics, terminology, and the leading figures in philosophy. Equivalent to PHI2005.

PSY1009 General Psychology 4 cr
A study of human behavior. Consideration is given to methodology and concepts in the areas of learning, motivation, emotions, perception, intelligence, and personality. Equivalent to PSY1005.

SCI1029 Environmental Science 4 cr
The main topic for this course is the interrelationships between organisms and their environment. This will be accomplished by integrating principles of science in understanding the background of many issues, such as global warming, water pollution, and energy resources, that confront Americans and the total global community. Various strategies for management of resources will be discussed including Christian stewardship of God's creation. *Laboratory activities will be included with each week's discussion.* This course is **not** equivalent to SCI1010.

SOC1039 Sociology 4 cr
A study of social organization, process, and control. Consideration is given to methodology and concepts in the areas of role and status, social and cultural change, deviancy and disorganization, urbanization and minority groups, and primary groups and socialization. Equivalent to SOC1035.

SPE1079 Public Speaking and Communication Fundamentals 3 cr
An introductory study and analysis of basic principles of effective communication with emphasis on public address, interpersonal communication, and group communication. Class activities provide opportunities to develop skills in speech preparation and delivery and in interpersonal and group communication. Equivalent to SPE1075.

STS1019 Adult Learner Success Strategies 2 cr
This course is intended to provide students with skills for managing their lives as they pursue a college degree and future career goals**.** Students will study time management techniques, learning styles, techniques for studying, experiential learning as a framework for possible future experiential essays (PLE), and career development strategies.

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