GENERAL STUDIES (A.A.)

Program Overview
This 60-credit program has been designed to provide both breadth and sufficient depth in the liberal arts at the associate degree (A.A.) level. Only 12 semester hours are allowed to be taken outside of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Students whose long-range goal is a bachelor’s degree should consult with an advisor in the College of Continuing Studies to determine the transferability of this program to one of the baccalaureate degrees offered by Rider.

Curriculum Overview
The flexible curriculum is designed to enable students to choose from a myriad of academic disciplines. Choosing an emphasis or concentrated area of study allows students to explore a specific discipline in depth.

Admissions Requirement
• Official transcripts from all institutions attended with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA

Degree Offered
• A.A. in General Studies

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Associated College: College of Continuing Studies (http://www.rider.edu/academics/colleges-schools/college-continuing-studies)

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1 LIB 200 is waived for students who transfer 30 or more credits in Liberal Arts.

2 The quantitative skills requirement can be met by successfully completing one course in college-level mathematics or statistics. For students who don't transfer such a course to Rider, popular offerings include MTH 102 Finite Mathematics, MSD 104 Intro to Quantitative Methods, MSD 105 Quantitative Methods for Business, MSD 200 Statistical Methods I, MSD 201 Statistical Methods II, POL 230 Methods of Political Analysis, PSY 105 Introduction to Research in Psychology, PSY 201 Statistics and Research Design, and other math courses approved by an advisor.

3 The information technology requirement may be fulfilled by completing CIS 185 Information Systems Essentials. Students who possess sufficient computer experience can gain credit for CIS 185 through assessment (http://www.rider.edu/sites/default/files/docs/Credit_for_CIS_185.pdf).

LIB 200 Intro to Liberal Studies 3 Credits
Introduces students to the various perspectives and methods of the disciplines in liberal studies: natural and social sciences, humanities, and the arts. Students learn the multifaceted questions and answers offered by each discipline. They study the historical development of the university and the rise and transformation of liberal studies disciplines.

CMP 120 Expository Writing 3 Credits
Students will increase their competence in the critical reading of challenging college-level texts that engage significant ideas and in writing effective essays that advance a clear and meaningful thesis while demonstrating understanding of those texts. The second of the department’s three-course composition sequence,
Prerequisite(s): SAT EBRW score greater than or equal to 550 and SAT or.

CMP 125 Research Writing 3 Credits
Introduces students to the process of library research and documented writing. Emphasis will be on the refinement of critical reading, thinking, and writing strategies applied to multiple sources and documented papers.
Prerequisite(s): CMP 120 or BHP 100.
COM 104 Speech Communication 3 Credits
Examines basic communication principles and strategies of public speaking. Various genres of oral communication are studied, with an emphasis on extemporaneous and impromptu forms of delivery. Students research, prepare, and deliver speeches that are then used as the focal point for the discussion of effective speaking and listening. A number of speeches are videotaped. Students who received credit for COM 104S may not take this course.