

2025-2026 Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) General Education Requirements

- ONLY courses found on this document are considered General Education courses offered at Vol State.
- **Almost all General Education courses have pre-requisites of acceptable placement scores or completion of Learning Support (LS) in Reading and Writing. Per TBR directives, however, students can take LS courses along with courses that do not have other college-level pre-requisites.**
- The General Education core curriculum is designed to assist the student in attaining the knowledge and outcomes represented by the General Education Goals of the College.
- To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete two semesters of the same college-level foreign language. Foreign language taken at the high school level will not count toward the language requirement for the Associate of Arts. All foreign language courses also have pre-requisites of acceptable placement scores or completion of LS in Reading and Writing.
- Please note that some degree programs and transfer institutions may require specific General Education courses.

COMMUNICATION: 9 Credit Hours Required

| <i>Special Instructions/Pre-requisites</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Course #</i> | <i>Cr. Hrs.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| <i>LS Required</i> | ENGL | 1010 | 3 | ♦ English Composition I |
| <i>Pre-requisite of ENGL 1010</i> | ENGL | 1020 | 3 | ♦ English Composition II |
| <i>Choose one LS Required</i> | COMM | 2025 | 3 | ♦ Fundamentals of Speech Communication |
| | COMM | 2045 | 3 | ♦ Public Speaking |

HISTORY: 6 Credit Hours Required

| <i>Special Instructions/Pre-requisites</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Course #</i> | <i>Cr. Hrs.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| <i>LS Required Choose any two of the top four courses</i> | HIST | 2010 | 3 | ♦ Early United States History |
| | HIST | 2020 | 3 | ♦ Modern United States History |
| | HIST | 2030 | 3 | ♦ Tennessee History |
| | HIST | 2060 | 3 | ♦ African American History |
| OR | | | | |
| <i>both of the World History courses</i> | HIST | 2310 | 3 | ♦ Early World History |
| | HIST | 2320 | 3 | ♦ Modern World History |

HUMANITIES and/or FINE ARTS: 9 Credit Hours Required

Choose three courses, at least one course (3 credit hours) must be from the Literature Selection.

| <i>Special Instructions/Pre-requisites</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Course #</i> | <i>Cr. Hrs.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| LS Required (except for ENGL 2860 and THEA 1030) | ART | 1035 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Art |
| | ART | 2000 | 3 | ♦ Art History Survey I (typically taken by ART majors) |
| | ART | 2020 | 3 | ♦ Art History Survey II (typically taken by ART majors) |
| | ENGL | 2860 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Film <i>(No LS Required)</i> |
| | MUS | 1030 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Music |
| | PHIL | 1030 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Philosophy |
| | PHIL | 1040 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Ethics |
| | PHIL | 2430 | 3 | ♦ Philosophy of Religion |
| | THEA | 1030 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Theater <i>(No LS Required)</i> |

Literature Selection

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| <i>Choose from the adjacent list to meet the (3 credit hours) Literature requirement</i> | ENGL | 2045 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Literature |
| | ENGL | 2055 | 3 | ♦ African American Literature |
| | ENGL | 2110 | 3 | ♦ Early American Literature |
| | ENGL | 2120 | 3 | ♦ Modern American Literature |
| Pre-requisite of ENGL 1020 Required | | | | |
| | ENGL | 2310 | 3 | ♦ Early World Literature |
| | ENGL | 2320 | 3 | ♦ Modern World Literature |

MATHEMATICS: 3 Credit Hours Required

Check the catalog for the Math minimum degree requirements before choosing a math course:

| <i>Special Instructions/Pre-requisites</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Course #</i> | <i>Cr. Hrs.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| ACT Math sub-score ≥ 19 or ACCUPLACER ≥ 250 or <i>Co-requisite MATH 0101</i> | MATH | 1010 | 3 | ♦ Math for General Studies |
| ACT Math sub-score ≥ 19 or ACCUPLACER ≥ 250 or <i>Co-requisite MATH 0153</i> | MATH | 1530 | 3 | ♦ Introductory Statistics |
| ACT Math sub-score ≥ 19 or ACCUPLACER score ≥ 250 or Completion of MATH 1005 $\geq C$ | MATH | 1130 | 3 | ♦ College Algebra |
| ACT Math sub-score ≥ 19 or ACCUPLACER score ≥ 250 or Completion of MATH 1005 $\geq B$ or MATH 1130 $\geq C$ | MATH | 1630 | 3 | ♦ Finite Mathematics |

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MATHEMATICS: 3 Credit Hours Required

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| ACT Math sub-score \geq 19 or ACCUPLACER score \geq 250 or Completion of MATH 1005 \geq B | MATH | 1710 | 3 | ◆ Pre-calculus Algebra (typically taken by students who plan to major in Math and/or Science) |
| These courses have additional pre-requisites (Look at catalog or course description) | MATH | 1720 | 3 | ◆ Pre-calculus Trigonometry |
| | MATH | 1730 | 5 | ◆ Pre-calculus |
| | MATH | 1830 | 3 | ◆ Applied Calculus |
| | MATH | 1910 | 4 | ◆ Calculus I |
| Exclusions: Credit CANNOT be received towards graduation in any capacity (general education and/or electives) for both courses of the adjacent pairs. | MATH 1130__MATH 1710 | | | |
| | MATH 1710__MATH1730 | | | |
| | MATH 1720__MATH 1730 | | | |
| | MATH 1830__MATH 1910 | | | |

NATURAL SCIENCES: 8 Credit Hours Required (Any combination of courses is allowed except exclusions listed at end)

ALL General Education courses **in this section** have pre-requisites of acceptable placement scores or completion of **Learning Support (LS)** in Reading and Writing. **Per TBR directives, however, students can take LS courses along with courses that do not have other college-level pre-requisites. However, students must complete or satisfy READ 0810 before registering for any science course. Many courses in this section also have Math pre-requisites**

| Special Instructions/Pre-requisites | Subject | Course # | Cr. Hrs. | Title |
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| Courses with no Math pre-requisite | | | | |
| No Math Pre-requisite Only LS Reading & Writing | BIOL | 1010 | 4 | ◆ Intro. to Biology I |
| | BIOL | 1020 | 4 | ◆ Diversity of Life |
| | BIOL | 1030 | 4 | ◆ Essentials of Biology |
| | BIOL | 1050 | 4 | ◆ Intro. to Environmental Studies |
| | BIOL | 1060 | 4 | ◆ Environmental Studies |
| | *BIOL | 2010 | 4 | ◆ Human Anatomy and Physiology I (recommended pre-req) |

*(BIOL 2010= READ already prerequisite as for all sciences; if Learning Support ENGL or READ required must have ACT composite of 19 or higher OR SAT composite of 990 or higher OR completion of CHEM 1030 or BIOL 1030 with a grade of C or higher OR completion of A & P Challenge Exam with a minimum score of 70.)

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NATURAL SCIENCES: 8 Credit Hours Required *(Any combination of courses is allowed except exclusions listed at end)*

*Courses with no Math pre-requisite
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| | CHEM | 1030 | 4 | ♦ Fundamentals of Chemistry |
| | GEOL | 1030 | 4 | ♦ Survey of Geology |
| | GEOL | 1040 | 4 | ♦ Physical Geology |
| | GEOL | 1050 | 4 | ♦ Historical Geology |
| | ISCI | 1030 | 4 | ♦ Science, Society, and Sustainability |

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| Completions of High School BIOL & CHEM $\geq C$ or Completion of BIOL 1030 or CHEM 1030 or CHEM 1110 $\geq C$ (CHEM 1110 will require math pre- requisite) | BIOL | 1110 | 4 | ♦ General Biology I |
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Course with Math co-requisite of MATH 1005 or higher

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| ACT Math sub-score ≥ 19 or ACCUPLACER score ≥ 250 or Completion of MATH 1005, MATH 1130, or higher $\geq C$ | PSCI | 1030 | 4 | ♦ An Intro. to Physical Science |
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Course with Math pre-requisite of completion of MATH 1005, 1130, 1710, or higher

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| ACT Math sub-score ≥ 19 or ACCUPLACER score ≥ 250 or Completion of MATH 1005, 1130, 1710 or higher $\geq C$ | ASTR | 1030 | 4 | ♦ Astronomy |
| | PHYS | 1030 | 4 | ♦ Introductory Physics |

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| ACT Math sub-score ≥ 19 or ACCUPLACER score ≥ 250 AND completion of one year of high school chemistry or CHEM 10030 $\geq C$ AND Completion of MATH 1130, 1710 $\geq C$ or Co-requisites: MATH 1130, 1710 or higher | CHEM | 1110 | 4 | ♦ General Chemistry I |
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| Completion of MATH 1720 $\geq C$ or MATH 1730 $\geq C$ | PHYS | 2010 | 4 | ♦ Non-Calculus Based Physics I |
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| Completion of MATH 1910 $\geq C$ or higher Co-requisites: calculus sequence | PHYS | 2110 | 4 | ♦ Calculus Based Physics I |
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|--|---------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Courses requiring prior Natural Science course | | | | |
| Completion of BIOL 1110 \geq C | BIOL | 1120 | 4 | ◆ General Biology II |
| Completion of BIOL 2010 \geq C | BIOL | 2020 | 4 | ◆ Human Anatomy and Physiology II |
| Completion of CHEM 1110 \geq C AND Completion of MATH 1130, 1710 or higher | CHEM | 1120 | 4 | ◆ General Chemistry II |
| Completion of GEOL 1040 \geq C OR GEOL 1030 \geq B | GEOL | 1060 | 4 | ◆ Earth's Environment |
| Completion of PHYS 2010 \geq C AND Completion of MATH 1720 or MATH 1730 \geq C | PHYS | 2020 | 4 | ◆ Non-Calculus Based Physics II |
| Completion of PHYS 2110 \geq C | PHYS | 2120 | 4 | ◆ Calculus Based Physics II |

Exclusions: Credit **CANNOT** be received towards graduation in any capacity (General Education and/or Electives) for both courses of the adjacent pairs.

BIOL 1030__BIOL 1010 CHEM 1030---CHEM 1110
BIOL 1030__BIOL 1020 GEOL 1030__GEOL 1040
BIOL 1030__BIOL 1110
BIOL 1020__BIOL 1120 PHYS 1030__PHYS 2010
BIOL 1010__BIOL 1110 PHYS 1030__PHYS 2110
BIOL 1030__BIOL 1120 PHYS 2010__PHYS 2110

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: 6 Credit Hours Required

All General Education courses have pre-requisites of acceptable placement scores or completion of **Learning Support (LS)** in Reading and Writing (except HED 120.) LS Reading and Writing can be taken concurrently with the GEN ED courses listed below.

| <i>Special Instructions/ Pre-requisites</i> | <i>Subject</i> | <i>Course #</i> | <i>Cr. Hrs.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| <i>(Typically taken by Business Majors)</i> | CRMJ | 1010 | 3 | ♦ Introduction to Criminal Justice |
| | CRMJ | 2312 | 3 | ♦ Criminology |
| | ECON | 2100 | 3 | ♦ Principles of Macroeconomics |
| | ECON | 2200 | 3 | ♦ Principles of Microeconomics |
| LS Required <i>(Except For HED 120)</i> | GEOG | 1012 | 3 | ♦ Cultural Geology |
| | GEOG | 1015 | 3 | ♦ Physical Geography |
| | GEOG | 2010 | 3 | ♦ World Regional Geography |
| | HED | 120 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Wellness <i>(No LS Required)</i> |
| | POLS | 1010 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Political Science |
| | POLS | 1030 | 3 | ♦ American Government |
| | POLS | 2025 | 3 | ♦ State and Local Government |
| | PSYC | 1030 | 3 | ♦ Introduction to Psychology |
| | PSYC | 2120 | 3 | ♦ Social Psychology <i>(Completion of PSYC 1030)</i> |
| | PSYC | 2130 | 3 | ♦ Lifespan Development Psychology |
| | SOCI | 1010 | 3 | ♦ Intro. to Sociology |
| | SOCI | 1040 | 3 | ♦ Social Problems |



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