

CERTIFICATE (695)

General Education

Purpose: The General Education Certificate is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university following their studies at Virginia Western. This curriculum provides students with a strong foundation in the general education core competency areas of Communication (oral and written), Critical Thinking, Cultural and Social Understanding, Information Literacy, Personal Development, Quantitative Reasoning, and Scientific Reasoning. The General Education Certificate also provides students with evidence that they have made significant progress toward completing an associate’s degree, which gives them a competitive advantage in transferring to a four-year institution.

Program Objective: To prepare students for transfer to a four-year college or university.

Admission Requirements: Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to credit-level coursework established by the college.

Developmental Requirements: Students who do not place into college-level English on the placement test will be required to take developmental courses.

Students who do not demonstrate proficiency on the placement test in the following mathematical units will be required to complete developmental courses: MTE 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

It is strongly recommended that developmental education requirements be completed as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

FALL	SPRING
ENG 111	ENG 112
HIS 121	HIS 122
MTH 151	Humanities/Fine Arts
SDV 100	Science Elective
Humanities/Fine Arts	Social Science Elective
Science Elective	

CURRICULUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES	CREDITS
ENG 111-112* . College Composition I-II	6
HIS 121-122 U. S. History I (or HIS 111-112)	6
MTH 151* Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I (or MTH 163* or MTH 157*)	3
SDV 100 College Success Skills	1
E ¹ Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (List A)	6
E ¹ Science Sequence (List A)	8
E ¹ Social Science Elective (List A)	3
Total Minimum Credits for Certificate	33

¹ Electives must be chosen from the specific list referenced in the curriculum requirements above. List A and List B electives can be found on the Approved List of Transfer courses.

*This course has a requisite. Requisites for all courses are listed in the course description section at the back of the catalog.