

Certificate: General Education

AREA: General Education

DEGREE: Certificate

LENGTH: Two semesters (one-year) program

PURPOSE: First-time job seekers who come to their employers with basic writing, analytical reasoning, and computing skills find they can be more competitive in the job market and more valuable in the workplace. Counter and retail clerks, administrative support, social and human service assistants, and customer service positions, as well as a variety of other fields, allow individuals to apply their entry-level knowledge and skills while exploring the world of work and relevant career opportunities as well as identifying more specific career and educational goals. For those employees who wish to pursue their education, the general education certificate provides foundational courses that allow students to progress toward the associate degree or to transfer to a senior institution.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: Students in the General Education certificate program take courses which are the core of Liberal Arts and General Studies associate degree programs at Lord Fairfax Community College. Successful completion of the certificate will place students well on their way toward attainment of an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree or Associate Degree and transfer to a four-year institution. The General Education Certificate program contains courses most often encountered in the first year of liberal arts college studies. Students are advised to become acquainted with the requirements of an associate degree program, as well as requirements of a four-year transfer institution, and consult with their advisor to make careful selection of program courses and electives.

Course #	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIS	History Elective ^{1,2}	3
MTH	Mathematics Elective ^{1,3}	3
	Social Science Elective ¹	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
	Science with Laboratory Elective ^{1,4}	4
	Total	17
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
	Approved Transfer Elective ¹	6
HUM	Humanities Elective ^{1,5}	3
	Science with Laboratory Elective ^{1,4}	4
	Total	16
	Program Total	33

¹Lists of approved electives can be found on page 41.

²Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate history course(s) to take at LFCC. For students intending to take more than one history course, a sequence beginning by taking HIS 101, 111, or 121 is preferred prior to 102, 112, or 122.

³Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate math course to take at LFCC.

⁴A one-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology, or physics is recommended. However, depending on the requirements of four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.

⁵Note that CST 100 can be used to fulfill one of the humanities electives.