

AREA: General Education

DEGREE: Certificate

LENGTH: Two semesters (one-year) program

PURPOSE: The General Education Certificate is intended to recognize, retain, and encourage students who have completed a core of general education courses on their way to earning an associate degree at Lord Fairfax Community College. The program is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university following studies at the community college, and to recognize students' success at Lord Fairfax Community College even if they transfer prior to earning the associate degree. The General Education Certificate provides students with a foundation in the general education core competency areas of communication, critical thinking, cultural and social understanding, information literacy, personal development, quantitative reasoning, and scientific reasoning. The certificate also provides students with evidence of academic success at the collegiate level, giving them a competitive advantage in the transfer process.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: To prepare students for completion of an associate degree and for transfer to a four-year college or university.

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 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 111*	History of World Civilization I	3
MTH 151**	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I	3
HLT/PED	Health/Physical Education elective	2
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
	Transferable Science with Laboratory	4
	Total	16
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS 112*	History of World Civilization II	3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3
	Transferable Science with Laboratory	4
	Transferable Humanities elective	3
	Total	16
	Total	32

*Students may choose HIS 121/HIS 122

**Students may choose MTH 151, MTH 163 or any higher numbered mathematics course