General Technical Studies, A.A.S.

Degree Offered

- Associate of Applied Science

Nature of the Program

The general technical studies degree is designed to be versatile. It is intended to assist citizens of West Virginia and other states who have earned credits, often from a variety of sources, to apply those credits toward an associate degree. The degree is nontraditional in that it provides opportunities for verifying competencies as a means for recognizing and awarding credits for learning through life experiences, e.g. credits awarded through College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DEFENSE Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) testing; credits for training in the Military, business, industry, etc. as recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE); credits for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA); credits earned through nationally recognized certifications and licenses; or credits earned by challenging courses offered by WVU Potomac State College.

Career Opportunities

The degree provides opportunities for establishing professional credentials to meet occupational requirements, employment and personal educational goals.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Jeff Jones - M.S. Forestry
  Year @ PSC (2003)

Admissions

Entering freshmen are admitted directly into the major.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research	
or ENGL 103	Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		**31-37**

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
GEF Elective 2, 5, 6, 7		3
ENGL 101	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric (GEF 1)	3
MATH 121	Intro Concepts Of Mathematics (or higher - GEF 3)	3
CS 101	Intro to Computer Applications (GEF 2)	4
WVUE 191	First Year Seminar	1
Area of Concentration		18
Social Science Elective (GEF 4)		3
Elective		25
Total Hours		**60**

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)	3	CS 101 (GEF 2)	4
Social Science Elective (GEF 4)	3	Area of Concentration	3
MATH 121 (or higher - GEF 3)	3	Elective	7
WVUE 191	1		
Area of Concentration	3		
Elective	3		
	16		**14**

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Area of Concentration	3	Area of Concentration	3
GEF Elective (2, 5, 6, or 7)	3	Area of Concentration	3
Elective	3	Area of Concentration	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	15		**15**

Total credit hours: 60

Major Learning Outcomes

GENERAL TECHNICAL STUDIES

- Explore, discover and develop their special aptitudes and interests and to reach beyond their own perceived limitations;
- Acquire the knowledge, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, teamwork, ethical, and social skills needed to support their immediate educational goals, as well as life -long learning in a world characterized by change;
- Nurture social responsibility and receptive attitudes compatible with citizenship within a global society;
- Acquire and develop skills necessary to enter the workforce.