

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Which Catalog?

The Community College of Southern Nevada publishes a catalog each year, which begins fall semester and ends with the next summer term. To earn an associate degree or certificate, students must meet the requirements in the CCSN catalog that is current when they earn their first credit(s), took courses and received grades, or the catalog requirements in effect when they complete the degree or certificate requirements. If a degree is offered for the first time after a student is enrolled, a student may choose the catalog year in which the degree or primary field of study was first offered. In no case may students use a catalog that is more than six (6) years old at the time of graduation (B/R 10/94). Catalog requirements for limited entry programs may begin upon admission to the program. Older CCSN catalogs that covered three years are effective at the end of the catalog year. For example, 1999-2001 is effective until the summer of 2007. 2001-2003 catalog is effective until the summer of 2009. Any questions about matriculation should be referred to the Office of the Registrar.

Students enrolled in programs that are accredited or licensed must meet the requirements most recently approved by the accrediting agency or licensing authority.

**Occasionally the College may change courses and course numbers within a program of study. Students should regularly consult a counselor or advisor in their primary field of study about their course of study.**

### Credit and GPA Requirements

All candidates must earn a minimum of 60 credits which count towards an associate degree. Some programs require more than 60 credits. (See descriptions in this catalog for the specific number of credits required in each primary field of study.) All candidates must earn a minimum of 15 credits in residence at the College for an associate degree. For the Associate of Applied Science degree, a minimum of 15 credits must be earned in the special program requirements. Non-traditional credit, credit transferred from another institution, or credit earned through the course challenge process may not be used to establish the 15 credit residency requirement. All associate degree candidates must have at least a 2.0 grade point average. The following limitations also apply:

- No courses with numbers below 100 (such as MATH 093)
- No more than 16 non-traditional education credits
- AAS candidates cannot have a D grade in the special program requirements

## Nevada System of Higher Education General Education Core

All Nevada System of Higher Education Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, Associate of Science, and Baccalaureate candidates are required to complete a general education core of fifteen (15) credits. Completion of the legislative requirement of United States and Nevada Constitution is required of all students. Courses used to satisfy the NSHE general education core requirements can simultaneously satisfy CCSN general education requirements. The mission of the NSHE general education core is to provide opportunities for students to develop a foundation for life-long learning, professional success, and personal development. Upon completion of courses in mathematics, natural and social sciences, fine arts, and humanities, students will demonstrate critical thinking, communication, research and technical skills, and become meaningful participants within their communities and the world. Each NSHE Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, Associate of Science, and Baccalaureate degree must include courses fulfilling the following general education core:

**English Requirement.** 6 credits. To satisfy the English requirement, all students must complete six semester credits of English, normally consisting of ENG 100 or 101 and 102. CCSN assists students learning English through developmental courses and tutoring.

**Constitutions Requirement.** 3-6 credits. The state law of Nevada requires passing a satisfactory examination of the constitutions of both the United States and the State of Nevada. Examinations for the Constitutions requirement may be given only when students are registered in one of the appropriate courses listed in each degree.

**Mathematics Requirement.** 3 credits. Any three credits of an introductory level lower-division mathematics course (120 or above). CCSN assists student learning mathematics through developmental courses and tutoring.

**Natural Sciences Requirement.** 3 credits. Any three credits of an introductory level lower-division (100 or 200 level) course in any natural science.

**Social Science or Humanities Requirement.** 3 credits. Any three credits of an introductory level lower-division (100 or 200 level) course in either the social sciences or humanities. This requirement may not be satisfied by the same courses that satisfy the English requirement.

(Students earning a second associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of business or baccalaureate degree are not required to repeat the NSHE core of fifteen credits. Evidence of completion of the legislative requirements of U.S. and Nevada Constitutions is required of all second-degree students.)

### CCSN General Education Core

CCSN has developed a curriculum for general education in each of its degrees and certificates as directed by policies of the NSHE Board of Regents that is consistent with its mission. The curriculum integrates goals for student success, and focuses on strengthening student skills in key areas. Whether a student completes a CCSN degree and wants to transfer to a four-year college or university, obtain job training, or enrich their personal lives, these skills are the foundation of learning. These skills are embedded in most CCSN courses, but the general education courses specifically required in every primary field of study emphasize them. **Assessments of the skills and methodologies are embedded in all general education courses.**

General Education courses at CCSN offer opportunities for students to explore and begin to understand the world. The goals for general education are to develop student competencies in skills or methodologies and to explore broad, common areas of knowledge. General education courses prepare students to access, evaluate, and integrate information from a variety of sources in order to gain knowledge and to use that knowledge to continue life-long learning, to exercise responsible judgment, to make informed decisions, to adapt to changing environments, and to take meaningful action in professional, personal, and community life. Often the skills or methodologies will result from a number of the courses completed, not one specific course. Completing general education at CCSN results in fulfilling the following skills or methodologies and goals that directly correlate with general education programs at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Nevada State College:

- students will be able to write competently and speak competently;
- students will understand how to obtain and use information, via both print and electronic media;
- students will engage quantitative reasoning, that is, math skills, at the college level;
- students will develop competency in analytical reasoning;
- students will understand basic concepts of one or two scientific areas of study and develop a knowledge of scientific methodologies;
- students will acquire a range of political knowledge, including an understanding of the United States and Nevada Constitutions;
- students will acquire an introductory level knowledge about social sciences and their insights about individual or group behaviors;
- students will acquire appreciation or introductory knowledge of the humanities and at least one of the fine arts;
- students will understand differences in attitudes, perspectives, and cultures.

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

**Including Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of General Studies, and Certificate of Achievement**

#### Transfer Degrees

CCSN offers a variety of fields of study for students who plan eventually to earn a baccalaureate degree from a four-year college or university. Students who plan to transfer can earn the Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or the Associate of Science. These programs can provide the first two years of a four-year program. **Any student transferring from the Community College of Southern Nevada with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or an Associate of Science degree will have that degree counted as fulfilling UNLV's general education requirements without the necessity for a course-by-course articulation.**

Every school, whether it is the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada State College, Great Basin College or another college, has its own specific requirements and recommended electives for its various majors. While CCSN has a number of major-to-major fields of study with UNLV and Nevada State College, **all students planning to transfer to a four-year institution must meet with a counselor or advisor to ensure their understanding of current transfer guidelines and to carefully design a transfer path that will best meet their needs. (See Transfer Students' Rights and Responsibilities in this catalog.)**

**Always see a counselor or advisor to outline a detailed semester-by-semester plan of study and to obtain all current information on CCSN degree requirements leading to graduation.**

The following are general requirement outlines for CCSN's AA, AB, AS, AAS, AGS and CA degrees and certificates of achievement. See page 237 for B. S. Degree requirements in Dental Hygiene.

**GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)**

Coursework must total at least 60 credits. The AA degree includes between 60-72 total credit hours including at least 33 credit hours in general education. In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement. Course numbers less than 100 or with a "B" cannot be used toward the Associate of Arts.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 35 Credits** (Credits in emphases may vary)

	CR		CR
<b>ENGLISH:</b> English (ENG) (100 or 101 or 113) and (102 or 114)	6-8	<b>ANALYTICAL THINKING:</b> Philosophy (PHIL) 102	3
<b>LITERATURE:</b> Choose from the following: English (ENG) 231 or 232	3	<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> Choose from the following: Mathematics (MATH) 120, 124 or above	3
<b>FINE ARTS:</b> Choose from the following. If transferring to UNLV or NSC, choose one Introductory or Appreciation course: Art (ART) 101, 107, 135, 160, 216, 260, 261 Dance (DAN) 101 Music (MUS) 101, *121, 125, **134, Theatre (THTR) *100, 105	3	<b>LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE:</b> Two courses are required and one must include a lab. Choose from the following: Astronomy (AST) 101 or above Biology (BIOL) 100, 109, 113, 120, 122, 189, 196, 197, 220, 223, 224, 251 Chemistry (CHEM) 105 or above Environmental Science (ENV) 101, 220 Geography (GEOG) 103, 104, 117 Geology (GEOL) 101, 102, 103, 105, 120 Physics (PHYS) 110 or above	7
<b>HUMANITIES:</b> Communication (COM) 101 and one of the following: English (ENG) 223 or above – **ENG 292 History (HIST) 101, 102, 105, 106, *150, *151, 217 International Languages: Chinese (CHI) *111, *112 French (FREN) *111, *112, *211, *212 German (GER) *111, *112, *211, *212 Italian (ITAL) *111, *112, *211, *212 Japanese (JPN) *111, *112, *211, *212 Korean (KOR) *111, *112, *211, *212 Latin (LAT) *111, *112 Russian (RUS) *111, *112, *211, *212 Spanish (SPAN) *111, *112, *211, *212 Philosophy (PHIL) 101, 102, *124, 135, 203, 205, 210, 245, 247, 249	6	<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b> Choose from the following: Political Science (PSC) 101 History (HIST) 101 and 102 History (HIST) 101 and 217	4-6

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: 25 Credits**

	CR		CR
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES:</b> Nine credits must be from three different disciplines. Choose from the following: Anthropology (ANTH) 101, 104, 105, 106, *205, 206, *209 Criminal Justice (CRJ) 101 Economics (ECON) 102, 103 Political Science (PSC) 101, 200, 211, *231 Psychology (PSY) 101, 102 Sociology (SOC) 101, 102, *205, 261, 275, 276	9	<b>ELECTIVES:</b> Number of credits varies according to emphasis. Students should utilize this area to take courses that meet requirements for their major at their intended transfer school. Those who have not yet selected a major may choose from among transferable courses to explore their options. Consult a counselor to ensure transferability of courses.	16

\* - indicates course satisfies UNLV's International Requirement.  
\*\* - indicates course satisfies UNLV's Multicultural Requirement.

**GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS (AB)**

Coursework must total at least 62 credits. The AB degree includes between 60-72 total credit hours including at least 33 credit hours in general education. In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement. Course numbers less than 100 or with a "B" cannot be used toward the Associate of Business.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 32 Credits**

	CR		CR
<b>ENGLISH:</b> English (ENG) (100 or 101 or 113) and (102 or 114)	6-8	<b>LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE:</b> <i>Two courses are required and one must include a lab. Choose from the following:</i> Astronomy (AST) 101 or above Biology (BIOL) 100, 109, 113, 120, 122, 189, 196, 197, 220, 223, 224, 251 Chemistry (CHEM) 105 or above Environmental Science (ENV) 101, 220 Geography (GEOG) 103, 104, 117 Geology (GEOL) 101, 102, 103, 105, 120 Physics (PHYS) 110 or above	7
<b>LITERATURE:</b> <i>Choose from the following:</i> English (ENG) 231 or 232	3		
<b>FINE ARTS:</b> <i>Choose from the following. If transferring to UNLV or NSC, choose one Introductory or Appreciation course:</i> Art (ART) 101, 107, 135, 160, 216, 260, 261 Dance (DAN) 101 Music (MUS) 101, *121, 125, **134 Theatre (THTR) *100, 105	3	<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b> <i>Choose from the following:</i> Political Science (PSC) 101 History (HIST) 101 and 102 History (HIST) 101 and 217	4-6
<b>HUMANITIES:</b> Communication (COM) 101	3		
<b>ANALYTICAL THINKING:</b> Philosophy (PHIL) 102	3		
<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> <i>Choose from the following:</i> Mathematics (MATH) 124 or above	3		

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: 30 Credits**

Accounting (ACC) 201	Economics (ECON) 261
Accounting (ACC) 202	Mathematics (MATH) 132
Business (BUS) 101	Management (MGT) 201
Communication (COM) 102	
Information Systems (IS) 101	
Economics (ECON) 102	
Economics (ECON) 103	

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\*\* - indicates course meets UNLV's Multicultural Requirement.

**GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS)**

Coursework must total at least 60 credits. The AS degree includes between 60-72 total credit hours including at least 33 credit hours in general education. In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement. Course numbers less than 100 or with a "B" cannot be used toward the Associate of Science.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: 34 Credits**

	CR		CR
<b>ENGLISH:</b> English (ENG) (100 or 101 or 113) and (102 or 114)	6-8	<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> <i>Choose from the following:</i> Mathematics (MATH) 181 (For Sciences) Mathematics (MATH) 120, 124 or above (For Health Sciences)	3-4
<b>LITERATURE:</b> <i>Choose from the following:</i> English (ENG) 231 or 232	3	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES REQUIREMENT:</b> <i>Nine credits must be from three different disciplines.</i> <i>Choose from the following:</i> Anthropology (ANTH) 101, 104, 105, 106, *205, 206, *209 Criminal Justice (CRJ) 101 Economics (ECON) 102, 103 Political Science (PSC) 101, 200, 211, *231 Psychology (PSY) 101, 102 Sociology 101, 102, *205, 261, 275, 276	9
<b>FINE ARTS:</b> <i>Choose from the following. If transferring to UNLV or NSC, choose one Introductory or Appreciation course:</i> Art (ART) 101, 107, 135, 160, 216, 260, 261 Dance (DAN) 101 Music (MUS) 101, *121, 125, **134, Theatre (THTR) *100, 105	3	<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b> <i>Choose from the following:</i> Political Science (PSC) 101 History (HIST) 101 and 102 History (HIST) 101 and 217	4-6
<b>HUMANITIES:</b> Communication (COM) 101 and one of the following: English (ENG) 223 or above – **ENG 292 History (HIST) 101, 102, 105, 106, *150, *151, 217 International Languages: Chinese (CHI) *111, *112 French (FREN) *111, *112, *211, *212 German (GER) *111, *112, *211, *212 Italian (ITAL) *111, *112, *211, *212 Japanese (JPN) *111, *112, *211, *212 Korean (KOR) *111, *112, *211, *212 Latin (LAT) *111, *112 Russian (RUS) *111, *112, *211, *212 Spanish (SPAN) *111, *112, *211, *212 Philosophy (PHIL) 101, 102, *124, 135, 203, 205, 210, 245, 247, 249	6		

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: 26 Credits**

	CR		CR
<b>SCIENCE:</b> <i>Three-to-four courses are required and one must include a lab. Choose from the following:</i> Astronomy (AST) 101 or above Biology (BIOL) 100, 109, 113, 120, 122, 189, 196, 197, 220, 223, 224, 251 Chemistry (CHEM) 105 or above Environmental Science (ENV) 101, 220 Geography (GEOG) 103, 104, 117 Geology (GEOL) 101, 102, 103, 105, 120 Physics (PHYS) 110 or above	12-13	<b>ELECTIVES:</b> <i>Number of credits varies according to emphasis. Students should utilize this area to take courses that meet requirements for their major at their intended transfer school. Those who have not yet selected a major may choose from among transferable courses to explore their options. Consult a counselor to ensure transferability of courses.</i>  <i>See specific courses required for each emphasis in the catalog.</i>	12-13

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**GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS)**

Coursework must total at least 60 credits. The AAS degree includes between 60-72 total credit hours including between 25-29 credit hours in general education. In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement. Only courses numbered 100 or above may be used.

The Associate of Applied Science degree provides employment related and career enhancing skills necessary to succeed in a chosen occupational or technical field of study. Although the AAS degree is not designed to transfer to a four-year program, some of the courses will transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

	CR		CR
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>	3	<b>FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES:</b>	3
<i>Choose from the following:</i>		<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
Business (BUS) 108		American Sign Language (AM) 145 or above	
Communication (COM) 101, 102, 215		Anthropology (ANTH) 101 or above	
English (ENG) (100 or 101 or 113), (102 or 114), 107, 205		Art (ART) 101 or above	
<i>(Select either ENG 100 or 101 or 113 to meet only one requirement.</i>		Communication (COM) 101 or above	
<i>ENG 100, 101 and 113 are equivalent).</i>		Economics (ECON) 100 or above	
Journalism (JOUR) 221		English (ENG) 223 or above	
Theatre (THTR) 105		Geography (GEOG) 106 or above	
<b>ENGLISH:</b>	3-5	History (HIST) 101 or above	
<i>Choose from the following:</i>		International Languages:	
English (ENG) (100 or 101 or 113), 107		Chinese (CHI) 101B or above	
<i>(Select either ENG 100 or 101 or 113 to meet <u>only</u> one requirement.</i>		French (FREN) 101B or above	
<i>ENG 100, 101, and 113 are equivalent).</i>		German (GER) 101B or above	
<b>HUMAN RELATIONS:</b>	3	Italian (ITAL) 101B or above	
<i>Choose from the following:</i>		Japanese (JPN) 101B or above	
Academic and Life Success (ALS) 101		Korean (KOR) 101B or above	
Anthropology (ANTH) 101, 112, 201, 205		Latin (LAT) 111, 112	
History (HIST) 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 210, 247, 260		Russian (RUS) 111, 112, 211, 212	
Human Services (HMS) 130, 135B, 265B		Spanish (SPAN) 111, 112, 211, 212	
Management (MGT) 100B, 283		Music:	
Philosophy (PHIL) 135		Music (MUS) 100 or above	
Political Science (PSC) 201		Music - Private Instruction (MUSA) 101 or above	
Psychology (PSY) 101, 102, 207, 208, 261		Music - Concert, Chamber Chorale, Ensemble	
Sociology (SOC) 101 or above		or Orchestra (MUSE) 101 or above	
<b>MATHEMATICS:</b>	3	Philosophy (PHIL) 101 or above	
Mathematics (MATH) 100B or above,		Political Science (PSC) 101 or above	
as specified in the catalog for each degree and emphasis.		Psychology (PSY) 101 or above	
<b>SCIENCE:</b>	3	Sociology (SOC) 101 or above	
<i>Choose from the following:</i>		Theatre (THTR) 100 or above	
Astronomy (AST) 101 or above		Women's Studies (WMST) 113	
Biology (BIOL) 100 or above		<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b>	4-6
Chemistry (CHEM) 103 or above		<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
Engineering (EGG) 131, 132		Political Science (PSC) 101	
Environmental Science (ENV) 101 or above		History (HIST) 101 and 102	
Geography (GEOG) 103, 104, 117		History (HIST) 101 and 217	
Geology (GEOL) 100 or above			
Health and Human Performance (HHP) 123B, 124B			
Physics (PHYS) 110 or above			

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

Number of credits required may vary by emphasis.

See program requirements and specific courses in the catalog.

**GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS- ASSOCIATE OF GENERAL STUDIES (AGS)**

Coursework must total at least 60 credits. The AGS degree includes between 60-72 total credit hours including at least 33 credit hours in general education.

In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement. Only courses numbered 100 or above may be used.

The Associate of General Studies degree is designed for students wishing to acquire a broad education, rather than pursuing a specific transfer field or professional/technical field. The AGS is not intended for transfer to a four-year institution.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:**

	CR		CR
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b>	6-8	<b>MATHEMATICS:</b>	3
English (ENG)(100 or 101 or 113) and one of the following:		<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
Business (BUS) 107, 108		Mathematics (MATH) 120, 124 or above	
Communication (COM) 101, 102, 215		<b>SCIENCE:</b>	3
English (ENG) 102, 107, 114, 205		<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
<b>FINE ARTS:</b>	3	Astronomy (AST) 101 or above	
<i>Choose from the following:</i>		Biology (BIOL) 100 or above	
Art (ART) 101 or above		Chemistry (CHEM) 103 or above	
Dance (DAN) 101		Environmental Science (ENV) 101 or above	
Music:		Geography (GEOG) 103, 104, 117	
Music (MUS) 100 or above		Geology (GEOL) 100 or above	
Music - Private Instruction (MUSA) 101 or above		Physics (PHYS) 110 or above	
Music - Concert, Chamber Chorale, Ensemble or		<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES:</b>	3
Orchestra (MUSE) 101 or above		<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
Theatre (THTR) 100 or above		Anthropology (ANTH) 101 or above	
<b>HUMANITIES:</b>	3	Economics (ECON) 100 or above	
<i>Choose from the following:</i>		English (ENG) 223 or above	
American Sign Language (AM) 145 or above		Geography (GEOG) 106, 109	
English (ENG) 223 or above		Political Science (PSC) 101 or above	
History (HIST) 101 or above		Sociology (SOC) 101 or above	
International Languages:		Women's Studies (WMST) 113	
Chinese (CHI) 101B or above		<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b>	4-6
French (FREN) 101B or above		<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
German (GER) 101B or above		Political Science (PSC) 101	
Italian (ITAL) 101B or above		History (HIST) 101 and 102	
Japanese (JPN) 101B or above		History (HIST) 101 and 217	
Korean (KOR) 101B or above			
Latin (LAT) 111, 112			
Russian (RUS) 111, 112, 211, 212			
Spanish (SPAN) 111, 112, 211, 212			
Philosophy (PHIL) 101, 119, 120, 135, 203			

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: 35 Credits**

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<b>ELECTIVES:</b>	35
<i>Students may choose occupational or general education courses as electives for this degree.</i>	

## GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (CA)

Coursework must total at least 30 credits. The Certificate of Achievement includes between 30-39 credit hours including 9 credit hours of general education. In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one distribution requirement. Only courses numbered 100 or above may be used to meet requirements for the CA.

The Certificate of Achievement provides employment related and career enhancing skills necessary to succeed in a chosen occupational or technical field of study. The courses will often be a subset of those required for a corresponding Associate of Applied Science degree. Many students complete the CA and then continue to complete the associate degree while experiencing employment in their chosen profession.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Choose from the following:

Business (BUS) 108

Communication (COM) 101, 102, 215

English (ENG) (100 or 101 or 113), or (102 or 114), 107, 205

Journalism (JOUR) 221

Theatre (THTR) 105

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### SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

*Number of credits required may vary by emphasis.*

*Each certificate must include courses which have specific instructional content in computation and human relations.*

*This content must be of significant depth and breadth and be clearly identified in the syllabi of these courses.*

*See program requirements and specific courses in the catalog.*