

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

General Education

Gavilan's general education (GE) requirements introduce students to a variety of disciplines through which they comprehend and interact with the modern world. The GE requirements are central both to the college's mission and to its associate degrees.

Completion of the GE requirements will develop students' abilities to think and communicate clearly, both orally and in writing; to use mathematics and employ the scientific method; to understand the modes of inquiry in major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and other eras; to apply critical thinking to ethical and social issues; and to develop the capacity for self understanding and improvement. The student will also develop a depth of knowledge in a specific field of interest. In completing the requirements, students will come to understand basic principles, concepts and methodologies that may be unique to a specific discipline or universal in the quest for knowledge.

General Education Learning Outcomes

AREA A: English Language, Communication and Critical Thinking

After completing courses in Area A, students will be able to:

- ▶ Receive, analyze, and effectively respond to verbal communication.
- ▶ Formulate, organize and logically present verbal information.
- ▶ Write clear and effective prose using forms, methods, modes and conventions of English grammar that best achieve the writing's purpose.
- ▶ Advocate effectively for a position using persuasive strategies, argumentative support and logical reasoning.
- ▶ Employ the methods of research to find information, analyze its content, and appropriately incorporate it into written work.
- ▶ Read college course texts and summarize the information presented.
- ▶ Analyze the ideas presented in college course materials and be able to discuss them or present them in writing.
- ▶ Communicate conclusions based on sound inferences drawn from unambiguous statements of knowledge and belief.
- ▶ Explain and apply elementary inductive and deductive processes, describe formal and informal fallacies of language and thought, and compare effectively matters of fact and issues of judgment and opinion.

AREA B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning

After completing courses in Area B, students will be able to:

- ▶ Explain concepts and theories related to physical and biological phenomena.
- ▶ Identify structures of selected living organisms and relate structure to biological function.
- ▶ Recognize and utilize appropriate mathematical techniques to solve both abstract and practical problems.
- ▶ Utilize safe and effective laboratory techniques to investigate scientific problems.

- ▶ Discuss the use and limitations of the scientific process in the solution of problems.
- ▶ Make critical judgments about the validity of scientific evidence and the applicability of scientific theories.
- ▶ Utilize appropriate technology for scientific and mathematical investigations and recognize the advantages and disadvantages of that technology.
- ▶ Work collaboratively with others on labs, projects, and presentations.
- ▶ Describe the influence of scientific knowledge on the development of world's civilizations as recorded in the past as well as in present times.

AREA C: Arts and Humanities

After completing courses in Area C, students will be able to do:

- ▶ Demonstrate knowledge of the language and content of one or more artistic forms: visual arts, music, theater, film/television, writing, digital arts.
- ▶ Analyze an artistic work on both its emotional and intellectual levels.
- ▶ Demonstrate awareness of the thinking, practices and unique perspectives offered by a culture or cultures other than one's own.
- ▶ Recognize the universality of the human experience in its various manifestations across cultures.
- ▶ Express objective and subjective responses to experiences and describe the integrity of emotional and intellectual response.
- ▶ Analyze and explain the interrelationship between self, the creative arts, and the humanities, and be exposed to both non-Western and Western cultures.
- ▶ Contextually describe the contributions and perspectives of women and of ethnic and other minorities.

AREA D: Social Sciences

After completing courses in Area D, students will be able to:

- ▶ Identify and analyze key concepts and theories about human and/or societal development.
- ▶ Critique generalizations and popular opinion about human behavior and society, distinguishing opinion and values from scientific observation and study.
- ▶ Demonstrate an understanding of the use of research and scientific methodologies in the study of human behavior and societal change.
- ▶ Analyze different cultures and their influence on human development or society, including how issues relate to race, class and gender.
- ▶ Describe and analyze cultural and social organizations, including similarities and differences between various societies.

AREA E : Lifelong Learning and Self-Development

After completing courses in Area E, students will be able to :

- ▶ Demonstrate an awareness of the importance of personal development.
- ▶ Examine the integration of one's self as a psychological, social, and physiological being.
- ▶ Analyze human behavior, perception, and physiology and their interrelationships including sexuality, nutrition, health, stress, the social and physical environment, and the implications of death and dying.

AREA F: Cultural Diversity

After completing courses in Area F, students will be able to:

- ▶ Connect knowledge of self and society to larger cultural contexts
- ▶ Articulate the differences and similarities between and within cultures.

Additional Associate Degrees

An Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree will be awarded to those currently possessing an associate degree provided:

1. the second degree major includes a minimum of 18 new units,
2. courses used to satisfy major requirements for the previous degree(s) are not used to satisfy any of the new 18 major units, and
3. the student completes the last 12 units or has completed a total of 48 units at Gavilan College.

For continuing students, the general education and major requirements for the additional degree are those listed in the college catalog for the academic year in which the student first takes courses for the first degree or any subsequent catalog thereafter.

Continuous attendance is defined as enrollment in at least one regularly transcribed course per year, including summer.

For returning students, the requirements are those listed in the college catalog for the year in which the student returns or any subsequent catalog thereafter.

Articulation Agreements

Gavilan College has completed lower division course-to-course, major-to-major, and general education agreements with all California State University (CSU), University of California (UC) and a number of private university campuses. These agreements ensure that participating universities will accept certain courses taken at

Gavilan College to satisfy general education, major, or elective university requirements.

The articulation officer, counselors and the Career/Transfer Resource Center staff have lists of participating institutions. Articulation agreements are also available online. See information on www.assist.org.

Baccalaureate Degree Graduates

Gavilan College will accept the general education used to complete a Baccalaureate degree to satisfy the General Education requirements for an Associate degree at Gavilan College, under the following parameters:

1. The student has been granted a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university in the United States.
2. The student presents official transcripts that verify completion of the baccalaureate degree.
3. The cumulative grade point average of the university work must be 2.00 or better.
4. Major courses required for the desired Gavilan College degree must be completed at Gavilan College with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
5. All Gavilan residency and graduation requirements, including math and English requirements in effect at the time of graduation, must be satisfied.