

General Education Program

General Education Requirements

Degree and Certificate Programs

Bunker Hill Community Colleges offers more than 100 associate degree and certificate programs.

The Associate Degree is an undergraduate academic credential which includes coursework from three areas: general education requirements, career and/or liberal arts electives, and program requirements. BHCC offers two types of associate degrees:

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is designed to prepare students to transfer to baccalaureate colleges and universities.

The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree is designed to prepare students to enter the workforce. In addition, many associate in science degree programs transfer to baccalaureate colleges and universities.

Associate Degree programs are generally equivalent to the first four semesters of a bachelor's degree. To facilitate transfer to a baccalaureate college or university, work with an academic advisor to plan your BHCC curriculum.

Certificate programs are designed to provide students with knowledge and skills to enhance their careers. Many certificate programs are "stackable," allowing students to apply courses completed in the certificate program to an associate's degree.

First Year Learning Community Requirement

Completion of a Learning Community Seminar or Cluster within the first year is a graduation requirement for Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree students who are enrolled in nine or more credits in their first semester of matriculation. For more information about Learning Community options, speak with an advisor or contact the Office of Learning Communities.

World Studies Emphasis Certification

Students enrolled in Associate in Arts Degree Programs can obtain the World Studies Emphasis certification with no additional coursework through careful selection of general education and elective courses needed to fulfill their degree requirements. Learn more at bhcc.edu/worldstudies

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To better prepare students to thrive in the twenty-first century workforce and to become engaged and informed citizens, the College provides all associate degree-seeking students with a wide-reaching set of General Education Outcomes, which align with our Institutional Learning Outcomes (Inquire, Communicate, Act, Grow) and Mass Transfer General Education Foundation requirements. At BHCC, these skills are incorporated into the curriculum to provide a cohesive education that prepares students to succeed in their chosen fields, in further study and in the roles and responsibilities they take on within their communities.

Students fulfill their General Education Requirements by completing one course from each of the seven General Education areas below. Students should consult their individual Program of Study Curriculum Map for General Education course requirements specific to their major. Some General Education requirements are met by concentration courses. Such instances are noted in Program of Study Curriculum Maps.

To learn more about the General Education and Institutional Learning Outcome alignment, as well as review the "Guiding Questions" for General Education, visit our General Education page in the College Initiatives section on the BHCC website: bhcc.edu/initiatives/generaleducationinitiative

General Education Program

Academic Discourse

College Writing & Composition

- INQUIRE: Connect experiences, insights, and education
- COMMUNICATE: Construct meaning through active listening, reading, speaking and writing
- ACT: Create work of personal and/or public value
- GROW: Develop intercultural knowledge and competence

Course Menu

- ENG-111 College Writing I **Credits: 3**

Research Writing

College Writing & Composition

- INQUIRE: Practice information literacy in diverse applications
- COMMUNICATE: Express ideas with intention
- ACT: Apply theory to practice and practice to theory
- GROW: Demonstrate agency as a learner and contributor to society

Course Menu

- ENG-112 College Writing II **Credits: 3**

Quantitative Problem Solving

Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning

- INQUIRE: Develop problem-solving skills

- COMMUNICATE: Demonstrate digital and media literacy
- ACT: Apply theory to practice and practice to theory
- GROW: Construct knowledge independently and collaboratively

Course Menu

- MAT-171 Finite Mathematics **Credits: 3**
- MAT-172 Contemporary Math I **Credits: 3**
- MAT-174 Quantitative Reasoning **Credits: 3**
- MAT-181 Statistics I **Credits: 3**
- MAT-194 College Algebra for STEM **Credits: 4**

Community & Cultural Contexts

Behavioral & Social Sciences

- INQUIRE: Connect experiences, insights and education
- COMMUNICATE: Engage in inclusive interpersonal dialogue
- ACT: Apply concepts of justice and wellness to knowledge and practice
- GROW: Demonstrate agency as a learner and contributor to society

Course Menu

- ECO-201 Macroeconomics **Credits: 3**
- ECO-202 Microeconomics **Credits: 3**
- GEO-101 World Regional Geography **Credits: 3**
- HIS-103 Ancient, Classical & Medieval History **Credits: 3**
- HIS-102 History of Modern Europe in Global Cont Renaissance **Credits: 3**
- HIS-111 History of Pre-Modern World **Credits: 3**
- HIS-112 Modern World History **Credits: 3**
- HIS-121 Found. of Historical Thinking & Analysis **Credits: 3**
- HIS-151 US History: Colonization through the Civil War **Credits: 3**
- HIS-152 US History: Reconstruction to Present **Credits: 3**
- HIS-230 The American Civil Rights Move **Credits: 3**
- HIS-231 African American History **Credits: 3**
- HIS-232 Asian American History **Credits: 3**
- PHL-103 Ethics **Credits: 3**
- PSC-101 Government/Politics in US **Credits: 3**
- PSC-150 Introduction to Political Theory **Credits: 3**
- PSC-210 State/Local Politics **Credits: 3**
- PSC-211 Introduction to Comparative Politics **Credits: 3**
- PSC-220 Introduction to International Relations **Credits: 3**
- PSY-101 Principles of Psychology **Credits: 3**
- PSY-107 Group Dynamics **Credits: 3**

- REL-111 World Religions **Credits: 3**
- SOC-101 Principles of Sociology **Credits: 3**
- SOC-227 The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity **Credits: 3**
- SOC-109 Cultural Anthropology **Credits: 3**
- VMA-111 Introduction to Mass Media **Credits: 3**

Scientific Reasoning

Natural & Physical Sciences

- INQUIRE: Develop problem-solving skills
- COMMUNICATE: Demonstrate digital and media literacy
- ACT: Use data to pose solutions to real-world challenges
- GROW: Construct knowledge independently and collaboratively

Course Menu

- AST-102 Astronomy/ Lab **Credits: 4**
- BIO-105 Introduction to Biology **Credits: 4**
- BIO-108 Human Biology/Lab **Credits: 4**
- BIO-115 Nutrition Science & Lab **Credits: 4**
- ENV-105 Environmental Science/Lab **Credits: 4**
- ENV-110 Sustainable Resource Conservation **Credits: 4**
- ENV-111 Survey of Renewable Energy **Credits: 4**
- ENV-113 Introduction to Oceanography/Lab **Credits: 4**
- ENV-115 Earth Science **Credits: 4**
- ENV-120 Tropical Field Studies **Credits: 4**
- ENV-250 Global Environmental Change **Credits: 4**
- GIS-224 Intro to Geographic Information Systems **Credits: 4**

Creative Work

Humanities & Fine Arts

- INQUIRE: Define and investigate relevant questions
- COMMUNICATE: Express ideas with intention
- ACT: Create work of personal and/or public value
- GROW: Demonstrate resilience in response to change

Course Menu

- ARB-102 Elementary Arabic II **Credits: 3**

- CHN-102 Elementary Mandarin II **Credits: 3**
- COM-102 American Cinema **Credits: 3**
- COM-101 Film As Art **Credits: 3**
- ELL-101 Integrated ELL Level 1 **Credits: 6**
- ELL-102 Integrated ELL Level 2 **Credits: 6**
- ELL-103 Integrated ELL Level 3 **Credits: 6**
- ELL-110 Resilience **Credits: 6**
- ELL-111 Stories and Sketches of Chinatown **Credits: 6**
- ELL-112 Voices of Chelsea **Credits: 6**
- ELL-113 Stories of Chelsea **Credits: 6**
- ELL-114 Integrated ELL Multi-Level **Credits: 6**
- ENG-203 Creative Writing Workshop **Credits: 3**
- ENG-231 Introduction to Fiction Writing **Credits: 3**
- ENG-232 Introduction to Poetry Writing **Credits: 3**
- ENG-233 Intro to Creative Nonfiction Writing **Credits: 3**
- ENG-234 Literary Publishing **Credits: 3**
- FRE-102 Elementary French II **Credits: 3**
- GER-102 Elementary German II **Credits: 3**
- INT-110 American Culture **Credits: 3**
- ITL-102 Elementary Italian II **Credits: 3**
- JPN-102 Elementary Japanese II **Credits: 3**
- LIT-201 Introduction to Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-203 Literature in America I **Credits: 3**
- LIT-204 Literature in America II **Credits: 3**
- LIT-206 English Literature II **Credits: 3**
- LIT-207 Literature and Society I **Credits: 3**
- LIT-211 Masterpieces of World Literature I **Credits: 3**
- LIT-212 Masterpieces of World Literature II **Credits: 3**
- LIT-217 Children's Literature I **Credits: 3**
- LIT-218 Children's Literature II **Credits: 3**
- LIT-219 African Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-220 Contemporary African American Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-221 Latin American Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-223 Immigrant Experience in Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-224 Middle East Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-225 Introduction to Dramatic Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-227 African American Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-229 Sophocles & Shakespeare **Credits: 3**
- LIT-230 Asian American Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-231 Mystery and Detective Fiction **Credits: 3**
- LIT-233 Gender and Literature And the Fool **Credits: 3**
- LIT-241 Supernatural & Horror Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-242 LGBTQ Literature **Credits: 3**
- LIT-250 Black Women in Literature **Credits: 3**
- MUS-101 Music Fundamentals **Credits: 3**
- MUS-130 Music Appreciation **Credits: 3**
- MUS-137 Hip-Hop History: Music, Culture, Resistance **Credits: 3**

- MUS-141 Rock & Roll History **Credits: 3**
- MUS-144 World Music **Credits: 3**
- MUS-147 Music in the United States **Credits: 3**
- PHL-101 Introduction to Philosophy **Credits: 3**
- POR-102 Elementary Portuguese II **Credits: 3**
- RUS-102 Elementary Russian II **Credits: 3**
- SPN-102 Elementary Spanish II **Credits: 3**
- SPN-280 Spanish for Heritage Speakers **Credits: 3**
- THR-107 Acting I **Credits: 3**
- THR-111 Improvisation **Credits: 3**
- THR-115 Playwriting **Credits: 3**
- VMA-104 Drawing from Observation **Credits: 3**
- VMA-112 Art History: Prehistoric to Medieval **Credits: 3**
- VMA-113 Art History: Renaissance-Contemporary **Credits: 3**
- VMA-122 Painting for General Education **Credits: 3**
- VMA-123 Water Color I **Credits: 3**
- VMA-124 Printmaking I **Credits: 3**
- VMA-161 Introduction to Digital Photography **Credits: 3**

General Education Elective

Behavioral & Social Sciences OR Humanities & Fine Arts OR Natural & Physical Sciences

Courses listed in the General Education Elective category have aligned with one outcome for each Outcome area (Inquire, Community, Act and Grow).

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- FIN-112 Personal Finance **Credits: 3**
- HON-200 Honors Seminar **Credits: 3**
- HUM-120 Self, Culture and Society **Credits: 3**
- INT-101 Introduction to Yoga Studies **Credits: 3**
- MAN-112 Organizational Behavior/Design **Credits: 3**
- any course listed under Community and Cultural Contexts, Creative Work, or Scientific Reasoning

Elective Courses

Electives provide students with flexibility in their programs of study. The elective categories help students make choices beyond the required courses for their respective programs.

Liberal Arts Electives include not only those categorized as Liberal Arts Electives but also the Science/Lab Science, Social Science and Behavioral Science Electives.

Career Electives are courses in the student's major field or related field approved by the department chair or program coordinator.

Behavioral Science Electives

- PSY Psychology
- SOC Sociology

Humanities Electives

The Humanities provide students with the knowledge, skills and habits of mind to adapt to any pathway in their educations, careers and lives. Humanities courses challenge students to think critically and creatively, communicate effectively, and make connections across disciplines. The following courses count as Humanities electives:

- ARB Arabic
- CHN Mandarin Chinese
- FRE French
- GER German
- ITL Italian
- JPN Japanese
- POR Portuguese
- RUS Russian
- SPN Spanish
- COM Communication
- ELL English Language Learning
- 200-Level ENG English
- HON Honors
- INT Interdisciplinary
- LIT Literature
- MUS Music
- THR Theatre
- VMA Visual and Media Arts (except VMA-111 Introduction to Mass Media)

Lab Science Electives

- AST Astronomy
- BIO Biology (except BIO-111 Food/Nutrition)

- CHM Chemistry
- ENV Environmental Science
- PHY Physics

Liberal Arts Electives

- ARB Arabic
- CHN Mandarin Chinese
- FRE French
- GER German
- ITL Italian
- JPN Japanese
- POR Portuguese
- RUS Russian
- SPN Spanish
- COM Communication
- ELL English Language Learning
- ENG English
- HIS History
- HON Honors
- INT Interdisciplinary
- LIT Literature
- MAT Mathematics
- MUS Music
- PHL Philosophy
- PSC Political Science
- REL Religious Studies
- THR Theatre
- VMA Visual and Media Arts

Social Science Electives

- ECO Economics
- GEO Geography
- HIS History
- PHL Philosophy
- PSC Political Science
- REL Religious Studies
- VMA-111 Introduction to Mass Media