

Degree Description

A field of study curriculum is a group of courses approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that can be taken at the community college level and transferred as a block into a specialized bachelor's degree program at a state university.

The Associate of Arts (AA) with Field of Study in Nursing is designed for students who are interested in transferring into a Bachelor's degree program in Nursing or other related fields.

Marketable skills include:

1. Graduates will have a strong foundation in human science that will prepare them for nursing or other allied health education program.
2. Graduates will communicate effectively in a professional or social setting, actively listen, and ask appropriate questions.
3. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to critically think by identifying and solving problems that relate to scientific or social issues.
4. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to listen and understand information and ideas presented through spoken language as well as reading comprehension.
5. Graduates will have a foundation in medical terminology.

Semester I	Hours
ENGL 1301 Composition I	3 hours
BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I	4 hours
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3 hours
MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods	3 hours
HPRS 1206 Essentials of Medical Terminology	2 hours
	15 hours

Semester II	Hours
ENGL 1302 Composition II <i>or</i> ENGL 2311 Technical & Business Writing	3 hours
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II	4 hours
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development	3 hours
HIST 1301 United States History I	3 hours
BIOL 1322 Nutrition & Diet Therapy	3 hours
	16 hours

Semester III	Hours
HIST 1302 United States History II	3 hours
GOVT 2305 Federal Government	3 hours
CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry I	4 hours
Language, Philosophy, & Culture elective	3 hours
SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication <i>OR</i> SPCH 1315 Public Speaking <i>OR</i> SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication <i>OR</i> SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication	3 hours
	16 hours

Semester IV	Hours
Creative Arts elective	3 hours
GOVT 2306 Texas Government	3 hours
BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	4 hours
Elective	3 hours
	13 hours

Total hours: 60 hours

Electives/General Education Courses

Creative Arts

ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation	3 hours
ARTS 1303 Art History I (Prehistoric to the 14th Century)	3 hours
ARTS 1304 Art History II (14th Century to the Present)	3 hours
DRAM 1310 Theater Appreciation	3 hours
DRAM 2361 History of Theater I	3 hours
DRAM 2362 History of Theater II	3 hours
DRAM 2366 Film Appreciation	3 hours
HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation	3 hours
MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation	3 hours
MUSI 1307 Music Literature	3 hours
MUSI 1310 American Music	3 hours

Language, Philosophy, & Culture

ENGL 2321 British Literature	3 hours
ENGL 2322 British Literature I	3 hours
ENGL 2323 British Literature II	3 hours
ENGL 2326 American Literature	3 hours
ENGL 2327 American Literature I	3 hours
ENGL 2328 American Literature II	3 hours
ENGL 2331 World Literature	3 hours
ENGL 2332 World Literature I	3 hours
ENGL 2333 World Literature II	3 hours
ENGL 2341 Forms of Literature	3 hours
FREN 2311 Intermediate French I	3 hours
GERM 2311 Intermediate German I	3 hours
HUMA 1301 Introduction to Humanities I	3 hours
HUMA 1302 Introduction to Humanities II	3 hours
PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hours
PHIL 1304 Introduction to World Religions	3 hours
PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics	3 hours
SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I	3 hours
SGNL 2301 Intermediate ASL I	3 hours

Course Descriptions

ENGL 1301 Composition I

Intensive study of and practice in writing processes, from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. Emphasis is on effective rhetorical choices, including audience, purpose, arrangement, and style. Focus is on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communication, and critical analysis. Note: ENGL 1301 is a pre-requisite for all 2000-level literature courses. Prerequisite: TSI complete in Writing or the equivalent. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I

Anatomy and Physiology I is the first part of a two-course sequence. It is a study of the structure and function of the human body including cells, tissues and organs of the following systems: integumentary, skeletal, muscular, and nervous and special senses. Emphasis is on interrelationships among systems and regulation of physiological functions involved in maintaining homeostasis. NOTE: Must have passed the reading and writing portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0302 or INRW 0402. Semester Hours 4 (3 lec/3 lab)

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. NOTE: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0302 or INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods

Collection, analysis, presentation and interpretation of data, and probability. Analysis includes descriptive statistics, correlation and regression, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing. Use of appropriate technology is recommended. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: TSI math complete or MATH 0308 or completion of college-level math course. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

HPRS 1206 Essentials of Medical Terminology

A study of medical terminology, word origin, structure, and application. Semester Hours 2 (2 lec)

ENGL 1302 Composition II

Intensive study of and practice in the strategies and techniques for developing research-based expository and persuasive texts. Emphasis is on effective and ethical rhetorical inquiry, including primary and secondary research methods; critical reading of verbal, visual and multimedia texts; systematic evaluation, synthesis, and documentation of information sources; and critical thinking about evidence and conclusions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or its equivalent with a grade of C or better or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2311 Technical & Business Writing

Intensive study of and practice in professional settings. Focus on the types of documents necessary to make decisions and take action on the job, such as proposals, reports, instructions, policies and procedures, e-mail messages, letters, and descriptions of products and services. Practice of individual and collaborative processes involved in the creation of ethical and efficient documents. Prerequisite: TSI complete in Writing or the equivalent. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II

Anatomy and Physiology II is the second part of a two-course sequence. It is a study of the structure and function of the human body including the following systems: endocrine, cardiovascular, immune, lymphatic, respiratory, digestive (including nutrition), urinary (including fluid and electrolyte balance), and reproductive (including human development and genetics). Emphasis is on interrelationships among systems and regulation of physiological functions involved in maintaining homeostasis. Prerequisite: BIOL 2401 with a grade of C or better. Semester Hours 4(3 lec/3 lab)

PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development

Life-Span Growth and Development is a study of social, emotional, cognitive and physical factors and influences of a developing human from conception to death. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 or consent of instructor. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

HIST 1301 United States History I

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include: American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, and creation of the federal government. NOTE: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0302 or INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

BIOL 1322 Nutrition & Diet Therapy

This course introduces general nutritional concepts in health and disease and includes practical applications of that knowledge. Special emphasis is given to nutrients and nutritional processes including functions, food sources, digestion, absorption, and metabolism. Food safety, availability, and nutritional information including food labels, advertising, and nationally established guidelines are addressed. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

HIST 1302 United States History II

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the Civil War/Reconstruction era to the present. United States History II examines industrialization, immigration, world wars, the Great Depression, Cold War and post-Cold War eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History II include: American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, urbanization and suburbanization, the expansion of the federal government, and the study of U.S. foreign policy. NOTE: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0302 or INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

GOVT 2305 Federal Government

Origin and development of the U.S. Constitution; structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; federalism; political participation; the national election process; public policy; civil liberties; and civil rights. NOTE: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0302 or INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry I

Survey course introducing chemistry. Topics may include inorganic, organic, biochemistry, food/physiological chemistry, and environmental/consumer chemistry. Designed for allied health students and for students who are not science majors. Semester Hours 4 (3 lec/3 lab)

SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication

Introduces basic human communication principles and theories embedded in a variety of contexts, including interpersonal, small group, and public speaking. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SPCH 1315 Public Speaking

Application of communication theory and practice to the public speaking context, with emphasis on audience analysis, speaker delivery, ethics of communication, cultural diversity, and speech organizational techniques to develop students' speaking abilities, as well as ability to effectively evaluate oral presentations. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication

Application of communication theory to interpersonal relationship development, maintenance, and termination in relationship contexts, including friendships, romantic partners, families, and relationships with co-workers and supervisors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication

Study and application of communication within the business and professional context. Special emphasis will be given to communication competencies in presentations, dyads, teams, and technologically mediated formats. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

GOVT 2306 Texas Government

Origin and development of the Texas constitution, structure and powers of state and local government, federalism and inter-governmental relations, political participation, the election process, public policy, and the political culture of Texas. NOTE: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0302 or INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors

This course covers basic microbiology and immunology and is primarily directed at pre-nursing, pre-allied health, and non-science majors. It provides an introduction to historical concepts of the nature of microorganisms, microbial diversity, the importance of microorganisms and acellular agents in the biosphere, and their roles in human and animal diseases. Major topics include bacterial structure as well as growth, physiology, genetics, and biochemistry of microorganisms. Emphasis is on medical microbiology, infectious diseases, and public health. Prerequisite: BIOL 1406, 1408, 1409, 2401 or 2404 with a grade of C or better. Semester Hours 4 (3 lec/3 lab)

ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation

A general introduction to the visual arts designed to create an appreciation of the vocabulary, media, techniques, and purposes of the creative process. Students will critically interpret and evaluate works of art within formal, cultural, and historical contexts. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ARTS 1303 Art History I (Prehistoric to the 14th Century)

A chronological analysis of the historical and cultural contexts of the visual arts from prehistoric times to the 14th century. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ARTS 1304 Art History II (14th Century to the Present)

A chronological analysis of the historical and cultural contexts of the visual arts from the 14th century to the present day. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DRAM 1310 Theater Appreciation

Survey of theater including its history, dramatic works, stage techniques, production procedures, and relation to other art forms. Participation in major productions may be required. Applies as a required Humanities or Visual & Performing Arts course for all students. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DRAM 2361 History of Theater I

Study of the history of the theater from primitive times through the Renaissance. Required of theatre majors; open to non-theatre majors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DRAM 2362 History of Theater II

Study of the history of the theater from the Renaissance through today. Required of theatre majors; open to non-theatre majors. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

DRAM 2366 Film Appreciation

Survey and analyze cinema including history, film techniques, production procedures, selected motion pictures, and cinemas impact on and reflection of society. (Cross - listed as COMM 2366) Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation

This course is an exploration of the purposes and processes in the visual and performing arts (such as music, painting, architecture, drama, and dance) and the ways in which they express the values of cultures and human experience. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation

Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements. Illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. (Does not apply to a music major degree.) Applies as a required humanities or fine arts course for all students. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

MUSI 1307 Music Literature

A survey of the styles and forms of music as it developed from the middle ages to the present. This course will familiarize the student with cultural context, terminology, genres, and notation. Semester hours: 3

MUSI 1310 American Music

A general survey of various styles of music of the Americas, including but not limited to jazz, folk, rock, and contemporary music. Satisfies general humanities elective requirements. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2321 British Literature

A survey of the development of British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical, linguistic, and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2322 British Literature I

A survey of the development of British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the Eighteenth Century. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical, linguistic, and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2323 British Literature II

A survey of the development of British literature from the Romantic period to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2326 American Literature

A survey of American literature from the period of exploration and settlement to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from among a diverse group of authors for what they reflect and reveal about the evolving American experience and character. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2327 American Literature I

A survey of American literature from the period of exploration and settlement through the Civil War. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from among a diverse group of authors for what they reflect and reveal about the evolving American experience and character. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2328 American Literature II

A survey of American literature from the Civil War to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from among a diverse group of authors for what they reflect and reveal about the evolving American experience and character. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2331 World Literature

A survey of world literature from the ancient world to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2332 World Literature I

A survey of world literature from the ancient world through the 16th century. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2333 World Literature II

A survey of world literature from the 17th century to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

ENGL 2341 Forms of Literature

The study of one or more literary genres including, but not limited to, poetry, fiction, drama, and film. Prerequisite: ENGL 1301 or ENGL 2311. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

FREN 2311 Intermediate French I

Review and application of skills in listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. Emphasizes conversation, vocabulary acquisition, reading, composition, and culture. Prerequisite: FREN 1412, three years of high school French, or consent of instructor or division chair. Students with three years of high school French are encouraged to see a French instructor prior to enrolling. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

GERM 2311 Intermediate German I

Review and application of skills in listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. Emphasizes conversation, vocabulary acquisition, reading, composition, and culture. Prerequisite: GERM 1412, three years of high school German, or consent of instructor or division chair. Students with three years of high school German are encouraged to see a German instructor prior to enrolling. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

HUMA 1301 Introduction to Humanities I

This stand-alone course is an interdisciplinary survey of cultures focusing on the philosophical and aesthetic factors in human values with an emphasis on the historical development of the individual and society and the need to create. Team taught by faculty from diverse departments as a colloquium (academic seminar led by a different lecturer and on a different topic at each session). Works may include studies, journals, novels, poems, treatises, graphic novels, films, plays, paintings, musical compositions, etc. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

HUMA 1302 Introduction to Humanities II

This stand-alone course is an interdisciplinary survey of cultures focusing on the philosophical and aesthetic factors in human values with an emphasis on the historical development of the individual and society and the need to create. Team taught by faculty from diverse departments as a colloquium (academic seminar led by a different lecturer and on a different topic at each session). Works may include studies, journals, novels, poems, treatises, graphic novel films, plays, paintings, musical compositions, etc. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy

A study of major issues in philosophy and/or the work of major philosophical figures in philosophy. Topics in philosophy may include theories of reality, theories of knowledge, theories of value, and their practical applications. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PHIL 1304 Introduction to World Religions

A comparative study of world religions, including but not limited to Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Semester hours 3

PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics

The systematic evaluation of classical and/or contemporary ethical theories concerning the good life, human conduct in society, morals, and standards of value. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I

The consolidation of skills acquired at the introductory level. Further development of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasis is on comprehension, appreciation, and interpretation of the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. Prerequisite: SPAN 1412, three years of high school Spanish, or consent of instructor or division chair. Students with three years of high school Spanish are encouraged to see a Spanish instructor prior to enrolling. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SGNL 2301 Intermediate ASL I

Review and application of conversational skills in American Sign Language and interpreting from signing to voice as well as from voice to signing. Introduction to American Sign Language literature and folklore. Prerequisite: SGNL 1402 with a grade of C or better or consent of the program director. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)
