



“The professors at Maria have given me the tools in such an encouraging way that for the first time I have the confidence to do anything. I never realized the importance of an education until I came to Maria.”

—Dancy L. Dunham

2-Year Program (AS)

GENERAL STUDIES

Start here, go anywhere! The General Studies program provides a starting point for many Maria College students. It is designed for students who wish to enter a career program but lack prerequisites and/or a level of skill needed for acceptance into a specific program, and also for those who wish to pursue postsecondary education for enrichment or to further develop career goals.

The General Studies student must successfully complete 64 credits as follows:

- 12 credits comprised of three credits in Religious Studies and an additional three credits in Philosophy or Religious Studies, plus six credits in English, including English 111
- 20 credits of a Liberal Arts core in areas of humanities (English, nonstudio Art and Music, etc.), Natural Sciences (Mathematics, Science, etc.), Social Sciences (Psychology, Sociology, Economics, etc.), and Religious Studies/Philosophy, with a reasonable distribution in three of the four areas
- 32 credits of free electives

Student is encouraged to consider a block of courses in a particular career field to facilitate future employment or education.

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By the conclusion of the Liberal Arts or General Studies Programs, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the skill of problem solving, use scientific reasoning, perform specific calculations, and/or apply logical organizational skills.
2. Critically analyze written and oral material.
3. Demonstrate basic knowledge of human needs, values, achievements, and diverse cultures.
4. Speak and write technically correct English in order to express one's self with clarity and purpose.
5. Access a variety of information resources (e.g. computer, library, databases), evaluate the quality of the information, and effectively use the information.

Mission

The mission of the General Studies Programs at Maria College is to provide students with a quality education that will allow them the opportunity to use their learned skills to open a variety of avenues for their futures, especially in areas that involve caring service to others. The curriculum in General Studies is grounded in the humanities and intended to nurture a respect for the value, dignity, and diversity of all people. It is reviewed and revised by dedicated faculty to remain relevant and useful to students as well as to maintain high academic standards. Also, the curriculum is delivered through flexible scheduling options and in small classes promoting a warm, encouraging environment that allows students to grow.