ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN GENERAL STUDIES
(OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES)

PURPOSE
The purpose of Interdisciplinary Studies is to fulfill the university goal of academic excellence within a Christian world view while also supporting the students’ individualized vocational and educational goals.

OBJECTIVES
1. The students will apply their Christian world views to major academic disciplines.
2. The students will individualize an academic program that supports their vocational goals.

General Studies Program Curriculum

FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES (13 credit hours)
ACAD-1013  Success Orientation for Online Students
CHMN-1033  Personal Life and Evangelism
CISS-1003  Computer Fundamentals
ENGL-1013  English Composition I
ENGL-1023  English Composition II

GENERAL CORE CURRICULUM (18-19 credit hours)
BIBL-1113  Old Testament Survey
BIBL-1413  New Testament Survey
THEO-3113  Bible Doctrines I
THEO-3123  Bible Doctrines II
Literature Selection
Laboratory Science Selection
OR
MATH-1013 or higher level course
*To complete the General Core mathematics requirement, students may be required to enroll in preparatory mathematics courses each semester until MATH-1013 Mathematics for Application or a higher-level mathematics course is completed.

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS (15-16)
PHIL-2013  Biblical World View
HIST- History Selection
PSYC-1003  General Psychology
OR
PSYC-2213  Human Growth and Development
SOST- Social Studies Elective
Laboratory Science Selection (4)
OR
MATH-1013 or higher level course* (3) (Whichever was not taken as part of the General Core)
ELECTIVES
General Electives (11 hours)

DEGREE TOTAL ........................................................................................................ 60 HOURS

ACAD 1013 Success Orientation for Online Students 1 credit hour (Fall and Spring) This course is designed to help students in their academic adjustment from high school to college. The student will be introduced to essential academic skills such as goal-setting, study organization, time management, textbook mastery, listening, memory, note-taking, motivation for study, test-taking, study strategies in other classes and orientation to University services. All incoming first-time freshmen, any transfer student with less than thirty hours of transfer credits and any student admitted on provisional acceptance or academic probation must enroll in this program for one semester.

CHMN 1033 Christian Life and Evangelism 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) An in-depth study of how to lead people to Christ. This course is designed to introduce the student to principles of Christian living and evangelism. Special attention will be given to the theology of all aspects of evangelism, including the follow-up. Various methods of approach and presentation will be considered. Memorizing scripture and communicating the gospel will be emphasized.

CISS 1003 Computer Fundamentals 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) Introduction to basic computer terminology and basic computer skills using word processing, spreadsheet, email and presentation software. A perspective of computer applications is also provided. $25.00 fee required.

ENGL 1013 English Composition I 3 credit hours (Fall and spring) (Prerequisite: ENGL-0103 or a score of 19 or higher on the ACT English section) Introduction to the principles of effective composition and the application to writing paragraphs and essays on topics related to personal experiences. Grammar and mechanics are taught in relation to writing.

ENGL 1023 English Composition II 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) (PREREQUISITE TO ALL LITERATURE COURSES) (Prerequisite: ENGL-1013) English Composition II is a more complex study of rhetorical principles developing the critical essay and formal research paper. Students learn how to read and write critically in response to literary genres (film, poetry, prose, and drama). In addition, students study and apply methods of research to demonstrate skills in developing a thesis and supporting comprehension in reading, expression, and documentation.

BIBL 1113 Old Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Fall only) (PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER OLD TESTAMENT COURSES) A brief introduction to the Bible as a whole, an overview of the entire Old Testament and a survey of the authorship, date and occasion of writing, theme, purpose and contents of each Old Testament book. Special attention is given to the first chapters of Genesis and the national history of Israel. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. $30.00 fee required.

BIBL 1413 New Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Spring only)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER NEW TESTAMENT COURSES) A survey of the political, social, moral and religious background of the New Testament including a study of the authorship, date and occasion of 116 writing, theme, purpose and contents of each New Testament book. Special emphasis is given to certain books such as the Gospel of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. Special emphasis is given to the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. $25.00 fee required.

THEO 3113 Bible Doctrines I  3 credit hours (Fall only)  
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1413) A study of the Biblical doctrines of the Scriptures, God (including the Trinity and God the Father), the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. $25.00 fee required.

THEO 3123 Bible Doctrines II  3 credit hours (Spring only)  
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1114) A study of the Biblical doctrines of angels (including Satan and fallen angels), mankind, sin, salvation, the church, and last things (future things). $20.00 fee required.

PHIL 2013 Biblical World View  3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) The Biblical principles that are necessary for a Christian view of life. Application is made to all major academic disciplines, as well as other general areas of life.

PSYC-1003 General Psychology  3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)  
An introduction to the scientific method in the study of human relationships. Attention is given to factors influencing behavior, including the physical organism, human development, learning, perception, motivation, emotion, and frustration.

PSYC-2213 Human Growth and Development  3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)  
A study of human development from a life span perspective, surveying all stages of development from conception to death.