

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Which Catalog?

The College of Southern Nevada publishes an annual catalog that covers the fall semester through the following summer term. Each bachelor, associate degree or certificate of achievement student seeking to graduate from CSN is required to satisfy course requirements as defined in the college catalog.

A student may select the catalog year governing requirements for graduation under the following circumstances:

- The year in which the student enrolled, or
- The year the student officially selects a program of study, or
- The year in which the student will complete the degree requirements for an associate, bachelor’s degree or a certificate of achievement.

If a degree is offered for the first time after a student has enrolled, the student may choose the catalog year in which the degree or major was first offered. The selected catalog may not be more than six years old at the time of graduation for students receiving an associate degree or certificate of achievement, and not more than ten years old at the time of graduation for students receiving a bachelor’s degree.

### Credit and GPA Requirements

All candidates for graduation must earn a minimum of 30 credits for a certificate of achievement, 60 credits for an associate degree and 120 credits for a bachelor degree. Candidates for graduation must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. Candidates for graduation must complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours within CSN. For the Associate of Applied Science degree, a minimum of 15 credits must be earned in the special program requirements. Non-traditional credit, credit transferred from another institution, or credit earned through the course challenge process may not be used to establish the 15 credit residency requirement.

### CSN General Education Core Requirements

Completing general education at CSN results in fulfilling the following student learning outcomes in the categories of English composition, mathematics, analytical reasoning, constitution, communication, literature, natural science, social science, humanities, values and diversity, humanities and fine arts.

- Construct college-level academic and professional writing using appropriate conventions;
- Employ research methods including how to obtain and use information via both print and electronic media;
- Solve problems in quantitative mathematical reasoning including probability, statistics, geometry, and consumer mathematics;
- Experience or interpret cultural, social and other differences, present in our society;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical foundations of analytical reason and its connection to natural language;

- Examine and interpret the United States and Nevada constitutions;
- Demonstrate general academic literacy applied to oral communication appropriate to different audiences and purposes;
- Use critical reading skills to engage and analyze literary texts;
- Define and apply basic concepts in one or two scientific disciplines;
- Acquire appreciation or introductory knowledge about social sciences and their insights about individual or group behaviors;
- Acquire appreciation or introductory knowledge of the humanities or languages, and at least one of the fine arts.

### CSN General Education Core Distribution:

Core Content	AA	AB	AS	AAS
English	6	6	6	3
Literature	3	3	3	
Fine Arts	3*	3	3	3**
Humanities	6*	6	6	3**
Analytical Reasoning	3	3	3	
Mathematics	3	3	3	3
Natural Science	6	6		3
Social Science	9*		9	3**
Constitution	4	4	4	4
Communications				3
Human Relations				3

\*Distribution depends on emphasis  
 \*\*Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science Requirement.

For the Comprehensive Degree Requirements, go to:

[https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/u421/general\\_education\\_for\\_aa\\_as\\_and\\_ab\\_degrees\\_policy.pdf](https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/u421/general_education_for_aa_as_and_ab_degrees_policy.pdf)

or

[https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/u421/general\\_education\\_for\\_aas\\_degrees\\_policy.pdf](https://www.csn.edu/sites/default/files/u421/general_education_for_aas_degrees_policy.pdf)

### Transfer Degrees

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university can earn the Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or the Associate of Science degree. These degrees provide the first two years of a four-year degree. *Any student transferring from the College of Southern Nevada with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Business, or an Associate of Science degree will have that degree counted as fulfilling UNLV’s general education requirements without the necessity for a course-by-course articulation.*

*Always see a counselor to outline a detailed degree plan of study and to obtain all current information on CSN degree requirements leading to graduation. See Transfer Students’ Rights and Responsibilities in this catalog.*



## COURSE NUMBERING INFORMATION

All undergraduate courses in the NSHE must be common-course numbered with equivalent courses offered throughout the System.

A system-wide course numbering rubric for all institutions shall be maintained so that baccalaureate transfer courses are clearly identified for student reference prior to registration under the following general course numbering parameters:

Remedial/Developmental Courses	001-099
Lower-Division Courses	100-299
Upper-Division Courses	300-499

Course numbers with a “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree; for example ACC 223B.

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### (AA) Associate of Arts, (AB) Associate of Business, and (AS) Associate of Science

The general education requirements listed here cover transfer degrees to NSHE four-year institutions. The completion of the associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of business degree automatically fulfills the lower-division general education requirements at any other NSHE institution<sup>1</sup>. Completion of the associate of arts, associate of science, or the associate of business degree does not guarantee satisfaction of all State College or university lower-division requirements except for the lower-division general education requirements<sup>2</sup>.

The general education requirements for the AA, AB, and AS degrees cover the following NSHE General Education Requirements<sup>3</sup>:

- English (3-6 credits)
  - Freshman level English Composition including English 102.
- Mathematics (3 credits)
  - Three credits of lower-division coursework.
- Natural Science (6 credits)
  - Six credits of lower-division coursework to include at least one laboratory experience.
- Social Sciences or Humanities/Fine Arts (9 credits)
  - Nine credits of lower-division coursework in either the social sciences or humanities/fine arts.
- U.S./Nevada Constitutions
  - Instruction must be given in the essentials of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada, including the origin and history of the Constitutions and the study of and devotion to American institutions and ideals pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 396.500 for all associate and baccalaureate degrees.

The general education requirements at CSN are broken down as follows:

### Common Core Requirements

All students must satisfy these requirements.

- Mathematics
- English
- Values and Diversity

### Subject Area Requirements

Students pursuing a General Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree must complete all these requirements. Student pursuing a specific major will complete those requirements outside the student’s major. Special program degree requirements for specific majors will contain requirements fulfilling the General Education requirements for that major’s Subject Area.

- Literature
- Analytical Reasoning
- Natural Science
- Humanities
- Fine Arts
- Social Sciences
- U.S. and Nevada Constitutions

### Additionally

In no case may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirement.

The General Education requirements do not include remedial courses which may need to be taken before completing some of the subject areas listed below. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion. All degree-seeking students must be continuously enrolled in appropriate mathematics and English courses until the institutional core curriculum mathematics and English requirements are completed<sup>4</sup>. Finally, general education courses cannot be waived.

## AA/AB/AS General Education Requirements and Course Choice Breakdown

### MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

MATH 120 or higher; or STAT 152

### ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)

ENG 100 or 101 or 113; and ENG 102 or 114

### LITERATURE (3 credits)

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

ENG 223 or above



**ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)**

PHIL 102 or 114

**NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)**

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

*Choose two courses; one must include a lab.*

ANTH 102, 110L; AST; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 105 or above; EGG; ENV; GEOG 103, 104, 117; GEOL; PHYS

**HUMANITIES (6 credits)**

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

COM 101; and one course from ANTH; ENG 223 or above; HIST; World Languages 111 or above; PHIL 101, 119, 129, 201, 202, 203; RST

**FINE ARTS (3 credits)**

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

ART; DAN 101; MUS (except 100); THTR (except 275)

**SOCIAL SCIENCE (9 credits)**

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

*Choose three courses; each course must be from a different discipline.*

ANTH (except ANTH 102); CRJ 104; ECON; PHIL 135, 205, 207, 216, 244, 245, 246, 249; PSC; PSY (except 270); SOC; WMST 113

**U.S. and NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)**

PSC 101; or  
HIST 101 and 102; or  
HIST 101 and 217; or  
HIST 111 and 102; or  
HIST 111 and 217

**VALUES and DIVERSITY**

*All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements.*

ANTH 101, 106, 201, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 215, 216, 217;  
ART 253, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 267, 270;  
COM 133;  
CRJ 120;  
BUS 101;  
DAN 101;  
ECON 180;  
EDU 280;  
ENG 223, 231, 232;  
HIST 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 208, 209, 210, 227, 228, 247, 260, 275, 285, 286, 293;  
LAS 100, 101, 210, 223, 224;  
MHDD 110;  
MKT 210, 250;  
MUS 121, 125, 134;  
PHIL 124, 135, 202, 207, 210, 215, 245, 247;  
PSC 201, 205, 222;

PSY 101, 101H, 102, 207, 208, 224, 233, 234, 241, 261, 276;  
RST 101, 136, 150, 170, 260, 270;  
SOC 101, 102, 205, 222, 225, 270, 275, 276;  
WMST 101, 113, 255, 285, 286

<sup>1</sup>BoR Handbook Rev 269 (03/16) Title 4, Chapter 14, page 12.

<sup>2</sup>BoR Handbook Rev 269 (03/16) Title 4, Chapter 14, page 12.

<sup>3</sup>BoR Handbook Rev 269 (03/16) Title 4, Chapter 14, page 17.

<sup>4</sup>BoR Handbook Rev 267 (09/15) Title 4, Chapter 16, page 3.

**(AAS) Associate of Applied Science**

The general education requirements listed here cover degrees that provide employment related and career enhancing skills necessary to succeed in a chosen occupational or technical field of study. Although the AAS degree is not designed to transfer to a four-year program at other NSHE institutions, many of the courses will transfer to NSHE or other four-year colleges and universities.

The general education requirements at CSN are broken down as follows:

- Mathematics
- English Composition
- Communications
- Human Relations
- Natural Science
- Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science
- U.S. and Nevada Constitutions

**Additionally**

In no case may one course be used to meet more than one requirement.

The General Education requirements do not include remedial courses which may need to be taken before completing some of the subject areas listed below. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion. All degree-seeking students must be continuously enrolled in appropriate mathematics and English courses until the institutional core curriculum mathematics and English requirements are completed<sup>5</sup>. Finally, general education courses cannot be waived.

**AAS General Education Requirements and Course Choice Breakdown**

**MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

MATH 100B or above; BUS 109B\*; ET 111B

\*For Business majors only

**ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3-5 credits)**

ENG 100 or 101 or 107 or 113

**COMMUNICATIONS (3 credits)**

BUS 108; COM 101, 102, 115, 215; ENG 102, 107, 114, 205; JOUR 102; THTR 105



**HUMAN RELATIONS (3 credits)**

ALS 101; ANTH 101, 112, 201, 205, 228; COM 102, ECE 202; HIST 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 210, 247, 260; HMS 130; MGT 100B, 283; PHIL 135, 210, 216, 245; PT 122\*; PSC 201; PSY 101, 102, 207, 208, 261; SOC 101 or above; WMST 113  
\*For Physical Therapy majors only

**NATURAL SCIENCE (3 credits)**

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

ANTH 102, 110L; AST 101 or above; BIOL 101 or above; CHEM 103 or above; EGG 131, 132; ENV 101 or above; ET 131B; GEOG 103, 104, 116, 117; GEOL 100 or above; HHP 123B, 124B; MT 102B, 110B; PHYS 110 or above

**FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCE (3 credits)**

*Please note: 300-level and above courses will NOT satisfy this GE requirement.*

AM; ANTH (except 102); ART; COM; CRJ 104; DAN 101; ECON; ENG 223 or above; GEOG 106; HIST; MUS (except 100); PHIL; PSC; PHO 101B; PSY; SOC; THTR (except 275); WMST 113; World Languages 101B or above

**U.S. and NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)**

PSC 101; or  
HIST 101 and 102; or  
HIST 101 and 217; or  
HIST 111 and 102; or  
HIST 111 and 217

<sup>3</sup>BoR Handbook Rev 267 (09/15) Title 4, Chapter 16, page 3.

**DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OPTIONS**

**BAS - Bachelor of Applied Science Degree**

Four-year program for a specific occupation intended to respond to the needs of the workforce.

**BS - Bachelor of Science Degree**

Four-year program for a specific occupation.

**AA - Associate of Arts Degree**

Two-year program designed for transfer and completion of a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

**AAS - Associate of Applied Science Degree**

Two-year program for a specific occupation intended to respond to the needs of the workforce, that may be transferred to a NSHE institution offering a BAS degree.

**AB - Associate of Business Degree**

Two-year program designed for transfer and completion of a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

**AGS - Associate of General Studies Degree**

Two-year program providing a general education that is NOT designed to transfer to a four-year institution.

**AS - Associate of Science Degree**

Two-year program designed for transfer and completion of a bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

**CA - Certificate of Achievement**

One-year program within an occupational area.

**SC - Skills Certificate**

An industry-driven and defined certificate recognizing identified core competencies and issued by an academic department upon completion of a defined set of courses of a specific duration.

**SKILLS CERTIFICATES**

Skills certificates are intended to provide preparation necessary to take state, national, and/or industry recognized certification or licensing examinations. Some may also serve as a stackable credential within existing associate degree tracks. Skills Certificates are less than 30 credit hours and are more narrow in focus than Certificates of Achievement. Please note that while skills certificates provide the instruction and training, CSN does not guarantee a student will pass the intended certification or licensing exam.

Upon successful completion of all course requirements, skills certificates will appear at the end of the final semester on the transcript, however diplomas are not issued for Skills Certificates.

**General Skills Certificates**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
COT 200	Word Processing I	3
COT 201B	Word Processing II	3
COT 127B or	Microsoft Office for Offices	3
COT 209B	Tablet Computer, Voice and Handwriting II	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>9</b>

**BOOKKEEPING**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
ACC 105	Taxation for Individuals	3
ACC 135B	Bookkeeping I	3
ACC 201	Financial Accounting	3
ACC 223B	Introduction to QuickBooks	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>12</b>

**CISCO CERTIFIED NETWORK ASSOCIATE**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
CSCO 120	Fundamentals of Voice and Data Cabling	4
CSCO 121	CCNA Routing and Switching Essentials	4
CSCO 220	CCNA Scaling Networks	4
CSCO 221	CCNA WAN Fundamentals	4
<b>Total:</b>		<b>16</b>

**CISCO CERTIFIED NETWORK PROFESSIONAL**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
CSCO 480	CCNP ROUTE	4
CSCO 482	CCNP SWITCH	4
CSCO 484	CCNP TSHOOT	4
<b>Total:</b>		<b>12</b>



**COMPTIA A+ AND NETWORK+**

Courses Required	Credits
CIT 112B Network+	3
CIT 114B IT Essentials	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>

**COMPTIA LINUX+**

Courses Required	Credits
CIT 173 Introduction to Linux	3
CIT 174 Linux System Administration	3
CIT 176 Linux Shell Programming	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

**COMPTIA PROJECT+**

Courses Required	Credits
CIT 263B Project Management	3
COM 101 Oral Communication	3
IS 101 Introduction to Information Systems	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

**COMPTIA SECURITY+**

Courses Required	Credits
CIT 112B Network+	3
CIT 173 Introduction to Linux	3
CIT 217 Security+	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

**EMT BASIC**

Courses Required	Credits
EMS 108B Emergency Medical Technician Training	8
EMS 108L Emergency Medical Technician Training Lab	
EMS 150B EMT Clinical Practice	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

**EMT INTERMEDIATE**

Courses Required	Credits
EMS 115B Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	7
EMS 115L Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Lab	
EMS 116B AEMT Clinical Practice	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8</b>

**FIREFIGHTER I**

Courses Required	Credits
FT 101 Principles of Emergency Services	3
FT 104 Nevada Firefighter I	3
FT 109B Internship in Firefighting	1
FT 131 Hazardous Materials Chemistry	3
EMS 108B Emergency Medical Technician Training	8
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>

**FIRE INSTRUCTOR I**

Courses Required	Credits
FT 101 Principles of Emergency Services	3
FT 104 Nevada Firefighter I	3
FT 109B Internship in Firefighting	1
FT 131 Hazardous Materials Chemistry	3
FT 190 Fire Instructor	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>

**FIRE OFFICER I**

Courses Required	Credits
FT 101 Principles of Emergency Services	3
FT 104 Nevada Firefighter I	3
FT 109B Internship in Firefighting	1
FT 131 Hazardous Materials Chemistry	3
FT 191 Introduction to Company Officer	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>

**FLORAL DESIGN**

Courses Required	Credits
FLOR 102B Introduction to Floral Design	3
FLOR 106B Permanent Botanicals	3
FLOR 202B Tributes and Traditions	3
FLOR 204B Traditional Weddings	3
FLOR 208B Creativity and Competition	3
FLOR 224B Techniques and Mechanics	1.5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16.5</b>

**FLORAL DESIGN: SPECIAL EVENTS & WEDDINGS**

Courses Required	Credits
FLOR 102B Introduction to Floral Design	3
FLOR 204B Traditional Weddings	3
FLOR 208B Creativity and Competition	3
FLOR 220B Events and Display	3
FLOR 224B Techniques and Mechanics	1.5
FLOR 240B Advanced Weddings	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16.5</b>

**LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY (LETA): CATEGORY 1**

Courses Required	Credits
CRJ 103 Communication Within the Criminal Justice Field	3
CRJ 104 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
CRJ 106 Introduction to Corrections	3
CRJ 120 Community Relations	3
CRJ 164 Introduction to Criminal Investigation	3
CRJ 214 Principles of Police Patrol Techniques	3
CRJ 225 Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 233 Nevada Criminal Law	3
CRJ 251 Principles of Correctional Administration	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27</b>



**LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY (LETA):  
CATEGORY 3**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
CRJ 103	Communication Within the Criminal Justice Field	3
CRJ 104	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
CRJ 106	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRJ 225	Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 233	Nevada Criminal Law	3
CRJ 251	Principles of Correctional Administration	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>18</b>

**MICROSOFT CERTIFIED IT PROFESSIONAL**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
CIT 211	MCITP/MCTS Windows Workstation OS	3
CIT 212	MCITP/MCTS Windows Server OS	3
CIT 213	MCITP/MCTS Network Infrastructure	3
CIT 215	MCITP Active Directory	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>12</b>

**MICROSOFT OFFICE MASTER**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
CIT 201B	Word Certification Preparation	3
CIT 202B	Excel Certification Preparation	3
CIT 203B	Access Certification Preparation	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>9</b>

**NURSING ASSISTANT**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
NURS 040 or	In-Facilities Nursing Assistant	3
NURS 130	Nursing Assistant	6
<b>Total:</b>		<b>3 or 6</b>

**OFFICE ASSISTANT**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
COT 101B	Computer Keyboarding I	3
COT 102	Computer Keyboarding II	3
COT 127B or	Microsoft Office for Offices	3
COT 200 or	Word Processing I	3
COT 209B	Tablet Computer, Voice and Handwriting II	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>9</b>

**OPHTHALMIC TECH/CONTACT LENS TECH**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
OPHT 102B	Introduction to Contact Lenses	3
OPHT 105B	Introduction to Contact Lens Lab	1
OPHT 112B	Anatomy and Physiology of the Eye and Related Structures	3
OPHT 202B	Contact Lenses I	3
OPHT 203B	Contact Lenses II	1
OPHT 220B	Theory of Refractometry	3
OPHT 299B	Certificate Review	2
<b>Total:</b>		<b>16</b>

**OPHTHALMIC TECH/OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
OPHT 112B	Anatomy and Physiology of the Eye and Related Structures	3
OPHT 121B	Ophthalmic Optics I	5
OPHT 123B	Ophthalmic Optics II	5
OPHT 155B	Geometric Optics	3
OPHT 201B	Ophthalmic Dispensing I	5
OPHT 223B	Ophthalmic Dispensing II	5
<b>Total:</b>		<b>26</b>

**OPTICAL LAB TECH**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
OPHT 121B	Ophthalmic Optics I	5
OPHT 121L	Ophthalmic Optics I Lab	
OPHT 123B	Ophthalmic Optics II	5
OPHT 123L	Ophthalmic Optics II Lab	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>10</b>

**PHLEBOTOMY**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
CLS 151	Phlebotomy	2
CLS 152	Applied Phlebotomy	2
CLS 153	Phlebotomy Clinical Practicum	2
<b>Total:</b>		<b>6</b>

**REAL ESTATE**

<b>Courses Required</b>		<b>Credits</b>
RE 101	Real Estate Principles	3
RE 102B	Real Estate Math	3
RE 103	Real Estate Law and Practice	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>9</b>

