General Studies – Business Concentration

A.S. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2018-2019
The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree is designed for students who wish to create an individualized program in a specific academic area. Students may explore career fields while selecting courses that will facilitate their goal of transferring to a four-year college/university or beginning a career. Students must complete the following: All students must complete STSC 155, College Success Seminar, during their first year of enrollment; A minimum of 30 credits from the list of Approved General Education Courses; At least 18 credits from one academic area to satisfy the Department Concentration; Additional elective credits to meet requirements for the degree (minimum 64 credits).

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Transfer Information
Students pursuing the General Studies Business degree can build a comprehensive concentration in the area in order to transfer into a wide range of programs, such as Management, Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Sports Studies, and Hospitality Recreation & Tourism. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC business faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the “Transfer Programs” feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org.

Career Information
The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor’s degree. The curriculum provides students the knowledge and skills needed to pursue various career pathways, while providing a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC business faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers https://ocean.emsicc.com/

Recommended Courses
ACCT 161-162, ECON 151-152, MATH 161 or 165*

*Students proficient in algebra should take the College Level Math Test to determine placement into pre-calculus or calculus.

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the “My Progress” screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

General Education Core Requirements:
Communications 6 credits
- ENGL 151: English I
- ENGL 152: English II

Humanities 3 credits
- One (1) Humanities course selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

Social Science 3 credits
- One (1) Social Science course selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

Mathematics-Science-Technology 9 credits
- Students must select one math course, one lab science course and one technology* course from the list of Approved General Education Courses
*Students may attempt to “test out” of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course in math or lab science from the list of Approved General Education Courses.

Additional Humanities or Social Science Course 3 credits
- One (1) Humanities or Social Science course selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

Additional General Education Courses 6 credits
- From the list of Approved General Education Courses

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION CREDITS: 30 cr.

Program Requirement:
- STSC 155 College Success Seminar 3 credits

Business Concentration:
To satisfy the Department Concentration, students must earn 18 credits from the academic area of Business. Course prefixes for the Business concentration are: BUSN, ACCT, LAAW, CSIT*, HRTM
*CSIT 110, 123 and 165 cannot be applied to this concentration.

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TOTAL CONCENTRATION CREDITS: 18 cr.

Elective Courses: Students must take elective credits to reach 64 credit hours. For example, if the General Education requirements and Concentration requirement total 51 credits, students will need 13 elective credits to reach a total of 64 credits toward the degree.