Program Description
Studies in the Humanities, Arts, Communication and Languages (HACL) core allows students to develop an interdisciplinary course of study emphasizing the humanities and arts disciplines. The HACL core is designed to encourage students to explore these disciplines while deepening their knowledge through a selected academic focus. For additional information, please visit the https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/general-studies/index.html.

In this core, students will develop an intentional academic plan that reflects personal, academic, and career goals emphasizing the following discipline areas or individual courses:

- Art (ARTT)
- Dance (DANC)
- English (ENGL) $$$
- Film (FILM)
- History (HIST)
- Linguistics (LING)
- Music (MUSC)
- Philosophy (PHIL)
- Speech (COMM)
- Theatre (THET)
- World Languages (ARAB, ASLP, CHIN, FREN, GERM, HIND, ITAL, JAPN, KORA, LATN, RUSS, PORT, SPAN)

Students may elect to take any of the following individual courses as part of their core requirements to enhance their selected academic focus; however, transferability of these courses should be carefully reviewed:

- Graphic Design (GDES 116, GDES 134)
- Interior Design (IDES 101, IDES 211, IDES 212)
- Integrated Studies (ISTD 173)
- Photography (PHOT 161)
- Television and Radio (TVRA 134)

General Degree Requirements
In order to complete this degree, students must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours including:

- 31 credit hours of General Education program requirements $$$
- 15 credits in HACL core courses with a minimum of 3 credit hours at the 200 level
- up to 11 elective credit hours as needed to complete 60 credit hours

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours at the 200 level with at least 3 credits at the 200-level from the HACL core have a 2.0 GPA or higher.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

- Articulate a plan for their educational and career development that relates their coursework to their goals.
- Identify available resources related to their ongoing educational and professional development.
- Apply critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and/or scientific reasoning skills by articulating, analyzing, and evaluating problems and scenarios across discipline areas.
- Find, evaluate, use, and synthesize information needed to address increasingly complex problems and scenarios.
- Use technology effectively to accomplish a variety of general and discipline specific activities.
- Communicate effectively in writing and orally appropriately across disciplines.
- Articulate an academic identity that reflects an integrated, interdisciplinary view of their formal, co-curricular and personal learning.
- Make and articulate the connections within their course of study.
GENERAL STUDIES AA: STUDIES IN HUMANITIES, ARTS, COMMUNICATION, AND LANGUAGES
AREA OF CONCENTRATION (HACL CORE): 611A

Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *

Mathematics Foundation 3 semester hours (MATF) ‡

Humanities Distribution 3 semester hours (HUMD)

General Education Institutional Requirement 3 semester hours (GEIR) †

Natural Sciences Distribution without Lab 3 semester hours (NSND) ***

Second Semester
ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or select an elective.

Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD) **

HACL Core Course 1 3 semester hours

Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab 4 semester hours (NSLD)

Elective 3 semester hours

Third Semester
Arts Distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD)

Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD) **

HACL Core Course 2 3 semester hours

HACL Core Course 3 3 semester hours

General Education Institutional Requirement 3 semester hours (GEIR) †

Fourth Semester
HACL Core Course 4 3 semester hours

HACL Core Course 5 3 semester hours

Elective 2 semester hours ‡‡

Elective 3 semester hours ‡‡

Elective 3 semester hours ‡‡

Total Credit Hours: 60
* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or select an elective.

** Behavioral and social sciences distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.

*** Students must complete one global or cultural perspectives designated course as part of their General Education program.

‡ Students should attempt ENGL and MATH foundation requirements within completion of the first 24 credits of college-level work or at the completion of any prerequisite or required non-credit coursework.

‡‡ Any credit hours beyond the minimum General Education credit hours (31) or core courses are counted toward elective credit hours.

‡‡‡ENGL 102, ENGL 103, COMM 108, and COMM 112 are not eligible for HACL core requirements if used for General Education foundation requirements. ENGL 101 and ENGL 110 cannot be used to meet HACL core requirements.

† Two General Education institutional requirement (GEIR) courses are required from the following General Education courses: COMM, HLTH, or one ARTD or HUMD. Students may only take one course from ARTD or HUMD to fulfill General Education institutional requirements.

NOTE: Exact semester credit counts may vary based on specific course selections.