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I.D. # _____

2012-13
ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE
(Requirements effective for students enrolling at PSC Summer 2011 and thereafter)

This Program is NOT Designed for Transfer to Other Colleges or Universities

The **ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES (AGS) DEGREE** is an opportunity for students to have a hand in designing their own associate degree program. This degree has minimal general education requirements and thus allows considerable freedom in designing and pursuing a course of study that meets individualized learning goals. Students considering the Associate in General Studies Degree should meet with an academic advisor to determine whether this degree meets their educational goals and objectives. Students should note that:

- This degree is **not recommended as a transfer program** leading toward a baccalaureate degree.
- This degree **DOES NOT fulfill the guidelines of the IAI** (Illinois Articulation Initiative) **General Education Core Curriculum**.
- This degree is not covered by the Prairie State College Educational Guarantee.

PSC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AGS DEGREE:

- _____ 1. Successfully **completed at least 15 semester hours of credit at Prairie State College** (excluding proficiency credit).
- _____ 2. Completed 62 semester hours of college credit, 20 of which are specified in Areas A-E of the degree requirements.
- _____ 3. Attained a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in all Prairie State College Courses. **CURRENT PSC CUMULATIVE GPA:** _____ after _____ credits.
- _____ 4. Filed the appropriate evidence of high school graduation or GED certificate in the Office of Enrollment Services.
- _____ 5. File a **Graduation Petition Form**, and pay the **\$20 Graduation Fee**, in the Office of Enrollment Services.
Deadline for Filing: October 1st for December graduation, March 1st for May graduation, July 1st for August graduation. (December, May & August candidates may choose to participate in the annual May Commencement Ceremony. *Deadline to apply for ceremony is March 1st*)

Please note:

DUAL DEGREE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: Students who wish to receive both the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees must complete an additional 12 credit hours in the second concentration area that is selected.

REQUEST FOR ALTERATION OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Any petition for alteration of graduation requirements must be submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services on a Student Appeal Form **at least one semester prior to graduation**.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS: While few baccalaureate institutions require a foreign language in their campus-wide general education requirements, competency through two, three, or four college semesters (or high school equivalent) in a single foreign/second language is required for the Bachelors degree at some universities. Thus, community college students who intend to transfer should plan to complete the foreign language courses required by their intended institution prior to transferring.

U.S. AND STATE OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS: As of October 2008, PSC no longer requires the constitution proficiencies to graduate with an Associate's Degree. However, some baccalaureate institutions may still require them. Students can fulfill these requirements by taking POLSC 140 or POLSC 152.

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CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 20 credits Select 20 credits from Areas A, B, C and D with at least one course selected from each area.	COURSES COMPLETED	COURSES NEEDED
Must Satisfy All Required Development English and Reading Prerequisites: Dev. Reading Course(s) Needed: ___RDG 097 ___RDG 098 ___Dev. Rdg. Pre-req. Satisfied Dev. English Course(s) Needed: ___ENG 097 ___ENG 098 ___ENG 099 ___Dev. ENG Pre-req Satisfied		
AREA A: COMMUNICATION (3 credit minimum) Select at least ONE course from: ENG 101, 102 (<i>Must have a grade of C or better in English</i>) COMM 101	_____()) Credits Completed: _____	_____()) Credits Needed: _____
AREA B: HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS (3 credit minimum) Select at least ONE course from: ART 121, 122, 126, 129, 131 ENG 211, 212, 215, 221, 231, 232, 240, 243, 252, 256, 261, 262, 271 HUMAN 101, 102, 201, 202 MUSIC 130, 132 PHILO 201, 202, 203, 204, 205 SPAN 202 THTRE 101, 104	_____()) Credits Completed: _____	_____()) Credits Needed: _____
MANDATORY MATHEMATICS PRE-REQUISITES for Area C: If selecting a math course, must satisfy all required development mathematics prerequisites: Pre-requisite MATH Course(s) Needed: ___MATH 080 ___MATH 085 ___MATH 090 ___MATH 095 <i>(NOTE: must have a grade of C or better to advance to the next level math course)</i> Geometry Requirement Met: ___YES ___NO: Needs MATH 096 before registering for college-level math courses. (Geometry requirement can be met by 2 sem. of h.s. geometry with C or better each term or by passing the COMPASS Geom. Test)		
AREA C: MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE (3 credit min.) Select at least ONE course from: ASTRO 101 (was 150), 104 (was 200) BIOL 100, 103, 105, 106, 112 BUS 240 CHEM 105, 110 GEOG 105 GEOLO 101 (was 210) MATH 112, 115, 153, 155, 157, 171, 172, 173, 206, 210 METEO 150 PHYSIC 111, 112 PHYSI 101 (was 110), 120, 210 Note: Students cannot receive credit for both ASTRO 101 (was 150) & 104 (was 200); BIOL 100 & 112; CHEM 105 & 110; GEOLO 101 (was 210) & 102 (was 220); PHYSI 120 & 210; METEO 150 & PHYSI 112.	_____()) Credits Completed: _____	_____()) Credits Needed: _____
AREA D: SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 credit min.) Select at least ONE course from: ANTHR 215, 222 ECON 201, 202 GEOG 101 HIST 111, 112, 115, 116, 140, 151, 152, 201, 202 POLSC 101, 140, 152, 230, 240 PSYCH 101, 102, 215 SOCIO 101, 111, 210, 215, 220	_____()) Credits Completed: _____	_____()) Credits Needed: _____

