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OVERVIEW

Programs and Curricula

Barton Community College offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes general education coursework and career technical education that results in certificates and degrees for both completion and transfer. The College's goal is to provide high quality education and training regardless of the student's program of study. Experienced advisors assist students to reach educational goals.

Transfer Programs

Barton is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, therefore credits earned are accepted by most colleges and universities in the United States. By following the information provided by the Transfer Equivalency Program a student will be able to carefully plan an associate degree program, which will transfer without loss of credit. Students should utilize the expertise of academic advisors as well as information gained by contacting colleges and universities concerning degree requirements within the appropriate departments or colleges.

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university, but are uncertain of the area of specialization or major, should consider taking general education courses required by most colleges or universities. Visit with an academic advisor concerning the "Transfer and Articulation Agreement" which provides a guide to general education planning for students transferring to in-state colleges or universities.

Careful planning in cooperation with an academic advisor will result in a smooth transition from Barton to the transfer school. Barton students who have transferred to four-year colleges and universities have consistently done as well or better than the students who started at that four-year institution.

Career Technical Education Programs (Certificates & Degrees)

Career technical education offers students an opportunity to pursue certificate and degree programs designed to prepare them for



employment and/or transfer to a university. The subject matter is relevant to the real world, promoting technical and essential skills development. Many of Barton's programs serve as a career pathway link from secondary to postsecondary education.

Career technical education also assists individuals already in the workplace, providing training options that enhance current workplace skills, while supporting potential career advancement or transitional careers.

Barton develops and updates its programs in collaboration with advisory committees comprised of industry representatives. These representatives share information that ensures curriculum which mirrors the expectations of employers. Many programs offer student career learning experiences.

Whether students are pursuing certificate and/or degree completion or are preparing to transfer, they are strongly encouraged to work closely with their program advisor. All of Barton's career technical education programs have advisors available to assist students.

General Education

The General Education program provides a foundation for personal enrichment and achievement. A broad selection of courses is available to explore a variety of interests. These courses are designed to become a part of a transfer program. The essential objective of general education is to educate the whole person with a variety of learning experiences that prepares them for a well-rounded life.



Associate Degree Programs

The associate degree is a nationally recognized degree awarded upon the successful completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in an approved educational program. Students will want to review with an academic advisor the several degree options available at Barton.

Programs of Study

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

General Education Course - any course approved to fulfill credit towards state and college requirements for general education and graduation with any of the following degrees: Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), Associate in General Studies (A.G.S.), or Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S). General education courses typically are non-developmental and non-professional in orientation, and are offered as electives or required courses from within broader subject areas.

The essential objective of general education is to educate the individual student to be a rational and humane person. General education courses are subdivided into two “zones”, Foundation Courses and Introductory Courses, and eight “sectors”: Written and Oral Communication, Mathematical Reasoning, Technological Skills, Global Issues and Diversity, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Pure Science, and Personal Well-Being. The minimum distribution of credits and general education courses vary by degree.

Types of general education courses are further defined as:

Foundation Courses – a degree-specific general education course that fulfills course or credit requirements in written and oral communications, mathematical reasoning, technological skills and global issues and diversity.

Introductory Courses – a degree-specific general education course that fulfills course or credit requirements in arts and humanities, social sciences, mathematics and pure science, and personal well-being.

Studio Course – Any course in the Fine Arts (Humanities) that instructs students on the techniques used in artistic expression and significantly involves students (individually or as a group) in the production of tangible, physical artistic products.

Performance Course – Any course in the Fine Arts (Humanities) that instructs students on the techniques used in artistic expression and significantly involves students (individually or as a group) in ephemeral activities that relate to public entertainment and/or personal enrichment.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

The Associate in Applied Science Degree prepares you for entry into a career. The coursework is relevant to the real world, promoting employability traits that range from job-related technical skills to workplace ethics and soft skills. The program of study consists primarily of career technical education classes, but may also include transfer classes.

The Associate in Applied Science Degree will be awarded upon the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements and satisfactory completion of a planned program of a minimum 64 college credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or overall “C.” To be eligible for graduation, the student

must have completed at least fifteen (15) credit hours from Barton Community College. Students who remain continuously enrolled from time of entry to application for graduation will be held to the catalog requirements in effect when they declare their program of study, unless a later catalog is adopted. “Continuous enrollment” refers to annual Fall and Spring semester enrollment (or equivalent) in a minimum of at least one credit bearing course per semester. Should a student’s enrollment be interrupted, they will be held to the guidelines and requirements of the catalog of record at the time of program re-entry.

This guideline does not apply to students with documented leave of

absence justification or members of the military involved in deployment operations. Changes to prerequisites and/or curriculum which occur for purposes beyond graduation – e.g. regulatory and legislative updates, third party accreditation or other certification bodies requirements, increased skill demand from industry, employment or transfer requirement changes, or recommended and/or mandated changes from the Kansas Board of Regents or other such entities are not subject to these catalog requirements.

Prior coursework may be evaluated to determine currency of content before including the credit hours toward a certificate or degree. Developmental courses cannot be used to fulfill degree requirements.

A minimum distribution of credits and general education course requirements shall be: Minimum of 15 credit hours must be taken in General Education (Zones 1 and 2) in a minimum of three sectors, unless specific general education courses are required by the student’s program of study.

ZONE 1: FOUNDATION COURSES

Sector A: Written and Oral Communication
Sector B: Mathematical Reasoning
Sector C: Technological Skills
Sector D: Global Issues and Diversity

ZONE 2: INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Sector A: Arts and Humanities
Sector B: Social Sciences
Sector C: Mathematics and Pure Science
Sector D: Personal Well-Being

In addition to the general education requirements, you must complete the remaining course hour requirements as designated in your particular area of study.

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE:

64 credit hours

General Education Courses

The following courses have been approved to fulfill general education requirements for the four associate degrees at Barton Community College. Since additional courses may be added subsequent to the printing of this catalog, please contact your advisor or the Instruction and Student Services Office to obtain a copy of the most recent list of approved general education courses.

bartonccc.edu/programs/generaleducation#courses

Programs of Study

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

The Associate in Arts Degree prepares you for transfer to universities with advanced standing. The courses are comparable to lower division level courses at Kansas Regents colleges and universities.

The Associate in Arts Degree will be awarded upon completion of the planned program of not less than 60 college credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or overall "C." To be eligible for graduation, the student must have completed at least fifteen (15) credit hours from Barton Community College. Students who remain continuously enrolled from time of entry to application for graduation will be held to the catalog requirements in effect

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A minimum distribution of credits and general education course requirements shall be:

ZONE 1: FOUNDATION COURSES

Distribution Requirements: 18 credit hours total

Sector A: Written and Oral Communication

ENGL 1204 English Composition I or

ENGL 1209 English Composition I w/Review

ENGL 1206 English Composition II

COMM 1230 Public Speaking or COMM 1200 Interpersonal Communications

Sector B: Mathematical Reasoning

Sector C: Technological Skills

Sector D: Global Issues and Diversity

ZONE 2: INTRODUCTORY COURSES

Distribution Requirements: minimum of 18 and maximum of 24 credit hours total with a minimum of six classes and at least one course in each sector

Sector A: Arts and Humanities

Sector B: Social Sciences

Sector C: Mathematics and Pure Science*

Sector D: Personal Well-Being**

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE:

60 credit hours

* One lab science is required

** Restricted to two credits in PHED or HLTH

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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

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