



ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES

2023-24 Program Information
School of Graduate and Professional Studies



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HELLO, WE ARE MVNU.

AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

Since 1993, MVNU's School of Graduate and Professional Studies program has helped thousands of graduates jumpstart their future.

Our programs will bring your strongest skills and abilities to light. You will create lifelong connections, learn to strive in and out of the classroom, and discover who you were truly meant to be.

- **Quality** — Our award-winning programs are expertly crafted and continually updated to keep our students ahead of the game.
- **Convenience** — Life doesn't come with a pause button, so our classes are offered online one at a time, one night a week to fit into your busy schedule.
- **Enriching Environment** — Learn from professors who care about your personal, professional, and educational growth.
- **Affordability** — Payment is made on a course-by-course basis and our advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options.

*You are brighter than you know
— don't put your future on hold.*





ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES

The Associate of Arts in General Studies (AAGS) degree program is intentionally designed for students who may be just beginning their college journeys.

The program is designed to be completed one course at a time in approximately two and a half years, with a fast-track option available for eligible students after completion of the first term.

The program includes a variety of courses that help students to build a foundation of knowledge and critical thinking skills, as well as skills in written and interpersonal communication. The Associate of Arts in General Studies program forms the core of a liberal arts education, preparing students for success in an ever-changing professional world. This fully online, 60-credit hour program fulfills all of the requirements of the General Education Core required for a SGPS baccalaureate degree, preparing students for a seamless transition into their baccalaureate program of choice after graduation if they choose to continue their educational journey at MVNU.

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“This degree will grow you in ways you never imagined — to think, to create, to lead, to follow, to be a more flexible human being in a rapidly changing world.”

DR. YVONNE R. SCHULTZ

Program Coordinator

PROGRAM DESIGN AND CURRICULUM

The program encourages the development of the whole person through a comprehensive curriculum that integrates a variety of cross-disciplinary knowledge and skills. Graduates of this program are expected to achieve each of the following learning outcomes:

- Communicate effectively in clear and correct prose, and in a style appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience;
- Enhance verbal communication and presentation skills, including settings that require effective interpersonal, small group, and public communication skills;
- Demonstrate quantitative literacy skills and apply basic mathematical tools when solving real-world problems;
- Comprehend, construct, and evaluate relationships in the natural sciences as a means of understanding a variety of astronomical, biological, and/or meteorological phenomena;
- Increase comprehension of the human condition via its cultures and history, especially in relation to behaviors, ideas, and values expressed in works of human imagination and thought;
- Engage in critical analysis, form aesthetic judgments, and develop an appreciation of the arts and humanities as fundamental to the health and survival of any society; and
- Increase knowledge of how social and behavioral scientists discover, describe, and explain the behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, events, and ideas.

*100%
online*

*One course
at a time*

*Fast-track
option available*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admissions requirements include:

- Completion of an online application.
- Submission of an official high school transcript and/or GED. Students with prior college credit do not have to submit a high school transcript. Instead please submit official transcripts of all previous college or university courses completed to date.* (Please note, if you have earned over 56 total credits, you may be eligible to start directly into one of the bachelor degree programs.)
- Completion of a Registration Agreement Form

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PROGRAM POLICIES

Students must successfully complete the “Preventing Sexual Harassment” online training session (required of all MVNU faculty, staff, and students) and abide by the university’s policies in this area.

Students are expected to have basic knowledge and understanding of Microsoft Office (or programs similar). (As an MVNU student, you will have access to Microsoft Office 365.)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to earn your AA degree, you must complete a total of 60 credit hours with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale), including:

- General Education Requirement (minimum of 36 credit hours)
 - Arts and Humanities (minimum of 15 credit hours)
 - Minimum of 3 credit hours in an English composition course with a research writing component
 - Minimum of 3 credit hours in Bible/Theology
 - Natural and Social Sciences, and Mathematics (minimum of 15 credit hours)
 - Minimum of 3 credit hours in Mathematics
 - Minimum of 3 credit hours in Social Science
 - Minimum of 3 credit hours in Natural Science with laboratory
 - Liberal Arts Electives (minimum of 6 credit hours)
- General Electives (minimum of 23 credit hours)



**60 CREDIT
HOUR PROGRAM**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The AA program has been designed with both affordability (\$265/credit hour) and student convenience in mind. Payment is made on a course-by-course basis and our advisors will work with you on a variety of financial aid options, including employer tuition reimbursement. You may be able to reduce your cost further if you are proactive and fully explore your financial aid opportunities.

You can pay for your degree in many different ways, so taking the time to apply for financial assistance from as many sources as possible is worth the effort. MVNU financial aid advisors are available to assist you with your financial aid options.

In addition to completing your online application for admission, you should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.studentaid.gov. MVNU's school code is 007085. Filling out the FAFSA is an important step in the financial aid process and is required for any financial aid to be awarded. Remember that applications that contain incorrect information will delay the approval process, so accuracy is extremely important!



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TUITION COSTS

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	TUITION
ITDS2061	Student Success Strategies	1	\$265
COMM1023	Public Speaking	3	\$795
ABTC2043	Computer Applications	3	\$795
ENGL1083	College Writing	3	\$795
PSYC1013	General Psychology	3	\$795
HUMA2073	Critical Thinking	3	\$795
HUMA2063	Art and Music in the Western Tradition	3	\$795
BIBL2003	Biblical Perspectives	3	\$795
HUMA2033	Literature in the Western Tradition	3	\$795
ESSC1034	Earth Science with Laboratory	4	\$1,060
ABTC2023	Introduction to Business Communication	3	\$795
HIST1013	Western Tradition in World Context	3	\$795
CSCI2083	Impact of Technology on Society	3	\$795
SOCL1013	Introduction to Sociology	3	\$795
MATH1033	Introduction to Mathematical Systems	3	\$795
PEDU2013	Principles of Health, Wellness, and Nutrition	3	\$795
FINC2003	Personal Finance	3	\$795
POLI1003	American Politics & Government	3	\$795
SOCL2023	Social Problems	3	\$795
BIOL1024	Human Biology with Laboratory	4	\$1,060
TOTAL		60	\$15,900

- Course-by-course payment is due no later than the first day of each course.
- Textbook costs are not included in the total cost of the program.

*A \$100 Graduation Fee is charged to all students, regardless of degree type, when the Registrar's Office receives their Intent to Graduate Form.



**COURSE-
BY-COURSE
PAYMENTS**

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Student Success Strategies - ITDS2061

This course equips students with strategies that will help them successfully navigate critical elements of their chosen SGPS program, including important MVNU policies, procedures, and resources. It also addresses college-level research skills, current APA formatting and style guidelines, effective college-level writing skills, and techniques for avoiding plagiarism. The student's personality type and learning style will also be explored, as well as additional important elements connected to overall student success and retention, including critical thinking and active reading skills, effective time management skills, prior learning assessment, and academic support and career development services.

Public Speaking - COMM1023

A study in the preparation and delivery of informational and persuasive speeches.

Computer Applications - ABTC2043

This course uses a problem-solving approach using the Microsoft Office Suite of software including Word, Excel and PowerPoint. After a brief introduction to this software, the student will be challenged to use critical thinking and analysis to find efficient and effective solutions to real-life situations.

College Writing - ENGL1083

This course focuses on the process and practice of composition and includes attention to formatting, modes of writing, grammar, and persuasion. Students will develop critical writing, reading, and thinking skills. Emphasis will be given to the research essay, including argumentation, APA documentation style, and research techniques.

General Psychology - PSYC1013

An introductory course that explores psychology as a science of human behavior and mental processes in biological and social contexts, with an emphasis on promoting human wellness.

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Critical Thinking - HUMA2073

This course examines the basic elements of logic, argument analysis, and argument construction. Topics include arguments, deductive and inductive reasoning, formal and informal fallacies, and rhetoric. This course develops the student's ability to think critically, understand and construct arguments, and understand the uses of language in a variety of contexts.

Art and Music in the Western Tradition - HUMA2063

This course provides students with an introductory study of the history, theory, and practice of western art. Special emphasis is given to a variety of media and to issues of Christianity and creativity. The course also provides students with a comprehensive survey of musical trends and developments in the western world and a guide to appreciating these trends, including actively listening to music and making sense of what is heard. The course explores diverse artistic and musical styles, placing each within appropriate cultural and historical frameworks.

Biblical Perspectives - BIBL2003

This course is a foundational study of the entire Bible and a biblical understanding of the world. Special emphasis is given to biblical interpretation, biblical theology, and biblical worldview with a view toward contemporary issues and personal applications regarding following Christ.

Literature in the Western Tradition - HUMA2033

This course provides students with a study of literary genres through representative readings.

Earth Science with Laboratory - ESSC1034

This course is designed as an introduction to the physical environment of planet Earth. Selected topics include those from the fields of astronomy, geography, geology, oceanography, and meteorology.

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Introduction to Business Communication - ABTC2023

This course examines basic interpersonal communication processes within written and oral channels, with practical applications for the business environment. Issues regarding cross-cultural communications and ethical considerations in business communication are discussed. The course emphasizes three areas: 1) planning, researching, organizing, writing, editing, and revising business-related documents; 2) planning, organizing, and delivering oral presentations in a business setting; and 3) preparing for professional success in the business world, including career planning, networking, job searching, resume preparation, and job application and interviewing.

Western Tradition in World Context - HIST1013

This course will examine the development of Western civilization within a broader world context since 1500 a.d. The course particularly attends to the emergence of modern patterns of life, including modern states and systems of production and exchange, the development of modern science and technology, globalization, and modern concepts of the self and society. Emphasis on primary texts.

Impact of Technology on Society - CSCI2083

A study of technology's impact on individuals, groups, and institutions. Special emphasis is given to worker displacement, computer illiteracy, environmental and health issues, depersonalization, computer crime, intellectual property, invasion of privacy, and other ethical/legal issues.

Introduction to Sociology - SOCL1013

An introduction to basic principles in understanding patterns of social relations. Includes the major theoretical perspectives and methods for obtaining sociological knowledge. Special emphasis is given to the sociological examination of the major institutions in society.

Introduction to Mathematical Systems - MATH1033

A study of number systems. Special emphasis is given to logic, axioms, and applications from groups and non-Euclidean geometry.



**FULLY ONLINE
CLASSES**

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Principles of Health, Wellness, and Nutrition - PEDU2013

This course addresses the fundamental concepts of health, wellness, and nutrition within the context of an informed Christian worldview, including strategic planning to both attain and maintain personal optimal health. The negative effects of eating disorders, depression, and stress will be explored, as well as the benefits of valuing wellness and personal relationships.

Personal Finance - FINC2003

This course includes a broad coverage of personal financial decisions, including basic financial planning, tax issues, managing savings and other liquid accounts, buying a house, the use of credit, insurance, managing investments, and saving for retirement.

American Politics & Government - POLI1003

This course goes beyond a more traditional focus on the history of structures of American government to examine issues of political behavior and decision-making among citizens and officeholders. Students learn about a wide range of topics relevant to American politics and government including, but not limited to, political institutions, the news media, voting, political parties, and campaigns and elections. Analysis of these and other topics is primarily informed by the social sciences, placing particular emphasis on students' comprehension and application of political science research methods.

Social Problems - SOCL2023

A study of selected social problems, emphasizing their analysis and evaluation of attempted solutions in relation to basic concepts and theoretical perspectives.

Human Biology with Laboratory - BIOL1024

This course provides students with an introduction to the biology of living organisms with emphasis on the normal functioning of the human body and its systems. It will address selected biological concepts, including the chemical basis of life, cell structure and division, and human ecology, providing students with a working knowledge of life science that will aid them in making informed decisions regarding health and the environment.



**CLASSES
TO FIT YOUR
SCHEDULE**

WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE SAYING:

“My MVNU education has given me the education that I was missing all my life. I never thought I would be able to take classes and succeed at them. I can’t wait to use my education to further my career.”

HAROLD WAYMAN

Associate of Arts in
General Studies, 2020

“MVNU has given me the opportunity to go back to school while continuing to work and be able to do my school work from home.”

BRIANNA YINGLING

Bachelor of Business
Administration, 2019

RANKINGS



COURSE START DATES AND DEADLINES



Classes starting soon!

*[Check online](#) for the next available start date.
Contact your Enrollment Specialist for more
information about getting started.*

STEPS FOR APPLYING TO MVNU ONLINE

1. **Complete your application.** (There is no application fee!)
2. **Request all official transcripts** to be sent to MVNU from each college or university you have attended to date. Please have your transcripts sent to:

Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Attn: SGPS Admissions
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Official Electronic Transcripts should be sent to
SGPSApplication@mvnu.edu.

*Additional materials may be required based on individual situations.

3. **Fill out the FAFSA** at www.studentaid.gov if you plan to use Federal Student Aid.
MVNU Code: **007085**
4. Once all transcripts have been submitted, you will **receive an official evaluation and admission decision** (typically within one week).
5. **Review your evaluation** with your Enrollment Specialist to understand transfer credits and program requirements.
6. **Complete a Registration Agreement Form** to be scheduled for classes.
7. **Receive course schedule and official Financial Aid award.**
8. **Start your classes!**

QUESTIONS?

1-800-839-2355
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