



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES – DIPLOMA in GENERAL STUDIES (DGS)

The Diploma in General Studies (DGS) is designed to extend students’ experience beyond the Core Curriculum to include a broad introduction to a variety of general studies courses for the purpose of creating a well-rounded Christian worldview. In addition, many students who are interested in further educational options (e.g., Business, Education, etc.) can transfer some or nearly all of these courses into other institutions offering programs in these areas.

I. Spiritual and Character Formation

Educational Goal: To foster students’ spiritual and character formation and their commitment to God’s holistic mission for the world.

See “Core Objectives” document for details about how the core curriculum seeks to fulfill this goal.

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Program Objectives	Intermediate Goals	Program Courses
A. All Spiritual and Character Formation Objectives are met by the courses that are part of the Core Curriculum.		



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II. Christian Worldview/Intellectual Formation

Educational Goal: To provide students a foundational knowledge base, and the abilities to think critically and to interact respectfully with the views of others.

Core Objectives	Intermediary Goals	Core Courses
A. Demonstrate Effective Team and Interpersonal Skills.	Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the ability to work effectively with others through group projects • Demonstrate positive behaviour change and a commitment to long-term health and fitness 	HKIN 101 Intro to Health and Fitness BUSI 101 Intro to Business
B. Demonstrate Critical Thinking, Math and Scientific Reasoning.	Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate familiarity with basic research methods in Psychology • Demonstrate abilities in critical thinking and scientific reasoning in the area of Psychology 	PSYC 101 Intro to PSYC I PSYC 102 Intro to PSYC II
C. Demonstrate an understanding of the Scientific and Natural World	Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an awareness of the importance of human interactions and their effects on the physical environment • Demonstrate an understanding of the connections between the physical world, resource management, and community development 	GEOG 221 Environmental Issues GEOG 231 Intro to Community Development
D. Demonstrate Social Responsibility and	Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship 	HIST 211 History of Christianity HIST 131 Modern Western

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Citizenship.	between human ideas/behaviours and social/political/religious changes in the world	Civilization
E. Demonstrate an Appreciation for the Aesthetic and Cultural world	Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate basic familiarity and appreciation for exemplary works of literature and visual art 	ENGL 121 English Literature ARTS 101 Intro to the Arts OR ARTS 201 Visual Arts



CORE OBJECTIVES AND INTERMEDIATE GOALS

III. Preparation for Service and Ministry in Church and World

Educational Goal: To prepare students for effective service and ministry in the church and in the world particularly in the areas of their chosen field of study.

Core Objective	Intermediary Goals	Core Courses
A. All Preparation for Service and Ministry in Church and World goals are met by courses in the Core Curriculum.		