

GENERAL ARTS – ONE YEAR CERTIFICATE (GAP)

About the Program

This one-year certificate program provides general education and the opportunity to explore and earn credit towards other college programs. A career-counselling component will help you choose and prepare for career-specific postsecondary education.

Credential Awarded

Ontario College Certificate

Duration

2 Semesters (1 Year)

Starts

January, May, September

Program and Course Delivery

This program is offered online and is also available in person. Students choosing in-person delivery at are required to come on campus.

Your Career

You may use the skills acquired in this program to pursue further education opportunities including:

- Transfer to another diploma program
- Transfer to Arts and Science
- Transfer to the two-year Liberal Arts University Transfer (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/programs/fulltime/LAT.html>) program which may lead you to university programs

Program of Study

Course Code	Course Name	Weekly Hours
Semester 1		
CAN149	Current Issues in Canada	3
COM101	Communicating Across Contexts	3
or COM111	Communicating Across Contexts (Enriched)	
NAT108	Understanding Science and Technology	3
PSY355	Psychology of Learning: Mindset and Resilience	3
SOC122	Introduction to Social Sciences	3
Semester 2		
CUL145	The Digital World - Issues and Trends	3
PHL185	Big Ideas in Philosophy	3
plus: General Education Course (2)		6
plus: Professional Options (1)		4

Professional Options

Course Code	Course Name	Weekly Hours
ACC120	Accounting Basics I	4
MRK106	Marketing I	4

Program Learning Outcomes

This Seneca program has been validated by the Credential Validation Service as an Ontario College Credential as required by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

As a graduate, you will be prepared to reliably demonstrate the ability to:

- Develop, through general knowledge gained in a wide range of subjects, insight into both self and society.
- Develop flexibility and clarity of both thought and expression in order to develop communications competence to a level required by business and industry.
- Understand and utilize critical thinking processes and problem solving techniques.
- Examine and evaluate various aspects of our changing society to assist in developing a sense of personal and social responsibility as a citizen in society.
- Employ basic vocational, skills drawn from the areas of the Humanities, Social and Behavioural Sciences of Vocational Studies (Business, Technology).

Admission Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent, or a mature applicant (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/mature-applicants.html>)
- English: Grade 12 C or U, or equivalent course

Canadian citizens and permanent residents may satisfy the English requirements for this program through successful Seneca pre-admission testing. (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/mature-applicants.html>)

Recommended upgrading for applicants who do not meet academic subject requirements. (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/registrar/canadian-applicants/admission-requirements/upgrading-options.html>)

International Student Information

International admissions requirements vary by program and in addition to English requirements (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/english-requirements.html>), programs may require credits in mathematics, biology, and chemistry at a level equivalent to Ontario's curriculum, or a postsecondary degree or diploma, equivalent to an Ontario university or college. Program-specific pre-requisite courses and credentials are listed with the admission requirements on each program page. To review the academic requirements please visit: Academic Requirements - Seneca, Toronto, Canada ([senecapolytechnic.ca](https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca)) (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/international/apply/how-to-apply/admission-requirements/academic-requirements.html>).

Pathways

As a leader in academic pathways, we offer a range of options that will allow you to take your credential further in another Seneca program or a program at a partner institution.

To learn more about your eligibility, visit the Academic Pathways (<https://www.senecapolytechnic.ca/pathways.html>) web page.

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