GENERAL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS DIVISION (GARD)

Divisional Mission

The Mission of GARD is to:

- Enhance and integrate the academic and personal development and growth of HCT students through the development of a studentcentered learning environment that will provide a comprehensive array of Innovative programs, resources and services.
- Facilitate the successful transition of new students to their career programs by enhancing student engagement, integrating academic and co-curricular programs, and fostering both independent and lifelong learning.

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Programs Offered

The following programs are offered at each HCT campus:

- · Academic Success
- · General Studies
- · Arabic and Emirati Studies

Academic Success Program (ASP)

Through its proactive and innovative programs, the ASP design opportunities for students to achieve academic goals and develop as lifelong independent reflective learners. It aims to Support students in their efforts to achieve their academic goals and successfully align themselves with the HCT2.0 new curriculum framework and its challenging educational environment.

The Academic Success Program objectives are:

- To offer learning centers to support students in achieving the required skills in English and Math
- To provide students with academic and developmental advising to assist their academic progress
- To enhance the academic development of students by offering a series of training sessions based on 21st century skills
- To better prepare students to join their career program directly and more efficiently
- To continue developing students' academic potential to meet the expectations of their career programs

General Studies

General Studies Program is dedicated to supporting, developing and mentoring all HCT students to reach their full communicative, intellectual, literacy and vocational skills potential.

This is achieved through a cross-curricula approach that challenges students to reflect and develop holistically by providing them with continual applied learning opportunities that broaden their global perspective, critical thinking, problem-solving and information synthesis skills in preparation for the 4th industrial revolution economy using 21st Century Skills .

English Communication course

Students who have not yet met the program entry English requirement (EmSAT English 1100 or equivalent) are placed in one of three credit-bearing English Communication courses which are pre-requisites for program courses where the medium of instruction is English. English Communication courses use state-of-the-art learning technology and teaching methods, ensuring that successful students acquire digital as well as linguistic proficiency.

English Communication Courses & EmSAT- English score

LSC Course	EmSAT English Score	Credit Based
LSC-0109	<650 and High school Ave ≥ 85%	Yes
LSC-0209	650 - 875	Yes
LSC-0209	900 - 1075	Yes

Admission to Program

As per details in each Academic Division and general admission requirements of HCT.

Program Description

General Studies courses form an integrated suite of courses that empowers students to meet the challenges of college, the workplace, and life by enabling students to acquire essential 21st century practical skills and competencies in the areas of effective oral and written communication in Arabic and English, creative and critical thinking and problem solving, multiple forms of data gathering and analysis, moral and ethical decision-making, tolerance and multicultural sensitivity while maintaining the unique national identity and Arab cultural background of the UAE, teamwork and collaboration, and understanding the integrative and cumulative nature of knowledge acquisition.

The structure of the General Studies (GS) Courses is aligned with the CAA Standards for Licensure and Accreditation (2011) and consists of the following categories:

- English, Arabic or other Languages;
- · Humanities or Arts;
- Information Technology or Mathematics;
- The Natural Sciences;
- The Social or Behavioral Sciences.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- Comprehend and express concepts in English or Arabic in oral, written, and digital formats
- Collect, analyze, interpret and report qualitative and quantitative data effectively at a basic level
- Develop decision making processes that incorporate critical and creative problem-solving skills
- Work effectively in teams and independently understanding strategies that promote healthy dialog and discussion among people from different nationalities, cultures, and backgrounds
- Identify and devise creative solutions to address potential future challenges students may face in their educational experience, career, and life
- Identify areas for personal, academic, and professional growth and development and self-access means for improving identified areas
- Reflect on the attitudes and beliefs relevant to individual and social choices and actions.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of mathematics and its application in various contexts

Completion Requirements

As a graduation requirement, students must successfully complete the following minimum credits:

Description	Data
Bachelor students	33 credits
Higher Diploma students	27 credits
Diploma students	18 credits

Mandatory Courses

Title

Code

General Studies courses which are mandatory for all students completing a Bachelor's degree to take include

Credit

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AES 1013	Arabic Communications I	3		
AES 1003	Emirati Studies	3		
AES 3003	Professional Arabic not mandatory for Military and Security programs	3		
ICT 2013	Computational Thinking and Coding	3		
LSC 1103	Professional Communication and Reporting	3		
LSS 1003	Life and Future Skills	3		
LSS 1123	Basic Research Methods	3		
BUS 2403	Innovation and Entrepreneurship	3		
Code	****	Credit Hours		
English, Arabic or other Languages				
Required Credits:	12			
Required:				
AES 1013	Arabic Communications I	3		
AES 3003	Professional Arabic ** not mandatory for Military and Security programs	3		
OR:				
AES 2003	Arabic for Non-Native Speakers ** not mandatory for Military and Security programs	3		
AES 2023	Arabic for Non Native Speakers II ** not mandatory for Military and Security programs	or 3		

Required:			
LSC 1103	Professional Communication and Reporting	3	
And one elective of	course from:		
LSC 1503	Academic Spoken Communication *	3	
LSC 2103	Academic Reading and Writing II	3	
LSC 2223	Future Skills Capstone	3	
LSC 3023	Professional English *	3	
Required for stude	ents who score < 1100 in EmSAT English as a pre-		
requisite for progr English	ram courses where the medium of instruction is		
LSC 0109	English Communications IA	9	
Or			
LSC 0209	English Communications IB	9	
LSC 0306	English Communications II	6	
Humanities or Art	s		
Required Credits:	3		
AES 1003	Emirati Studies	3	
Elective for Militar	ry and Security programs only:		
PST 1173	Islamic Studies *	3	
Information Techr	nology or Mathematics		
Required Credits:	6		
Required:			
ICT 2013	Computational Thinking and Coding	3	
And one elective of	course from:		
LSM 1003	Applied Mathematics	3	
LSM 1103	Technical Mathematics	3	
LSM 1113	Statistical Mathematics	3	
LSM 1123	Quantitative Reasoning	3	
MTH 1113	Statistics for Engineering	3	
Required for students who score < 750 in the EmSAT Math or < 17 in the MPT or SAT Math < 450) as a pre-requisite for the above Math courses			
LSM 0103	Applied Mathematics Fundamentals	3	
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The Natural Scien	ces		
Required Credits:			
	ng courses as advised:		
AHM 1203	Aviation Physics *	3	
EDU 1803	Fundamentals of Teaching Math and Science	3	
HSC 1013	Human Biology	3	
HSC 1233	Human Growth and Development	3	
LSN 1113	Introduction to Sustainability	3	
PHY 1103	Physics I	3	
VET 1123	General Chemistry	3	
The Social or Beh	,		
Required Credits: 9			
(6 for Military and Security programs)			
LSS 1003	Life and Future Skills	3	
LSS 1123	Basic Research Methods	3	
BUS 2403	Innovation and Entrepreneurship **	3	
*Courses for Military and Security students only			
** not Mandatory for Military and Security Programs			
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Description	Data
Total Required Credits	33
Minimum Duration of Study	4
Maximum Duration of Study	6
Program Code	GS1617

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