

# Core Curriculum

## **Alabama Articulation Program (STARS)**

Because GSCC is in partnership with the Statewide Articulation and General Studies Agreement, students are assured that credit earned for Gadsden State courses identified as part of the core curriculum will transfer to any Alabama two- or four-year public institution of higher education.

The Alabama Articulation Program (also called STARS for Statewide Transfer and Articulation Reporting System) is Alabama's web-accessible articulation and transfer planning database, which has been designed to inform students who attend Alabama community colleges about degree requirements, course equivalents, and other transfer information pertaining to specific majors at each state-funded four-year institution. As the information link between Alabama's public two-year and four-year institutions, STARS efficiently and effectively provides students, counselors, and educators with accurate information upon which transfer decisions can be made. The STARS system, if used properly, can prevent the loss of course credit hours, provide direction for the scheduling of coursework, and ease the student's transition from one institution to another.

This information is available to the public via the Internet. A variety of information, including an AGSC-approved transfer guide, may be obtained from the STARS website: <http://stars.troy.edu>.

## **General Education or Core Course Listing**

The following lists contain the core curriculum, a set of courses identified by the Alabama Articulation Program as acceptable for transfer to the public colleges and universities in Alabama and that Gadsden State offers to fulfill the general education requirements for degree and certificate programs. Courses not listed in the core may satisfy graduation requirements at Gadsden State, and also may be accepted for transfer to other colleges. Students should consult an advisor for additional information.

As a requirement of the General Education core competencies described previously, students seeking the A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. Degree are required to complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of course work with at least one course from each of the following: pure humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics.