The microeconomy is analyzed. Conflicting social goals, economic constraints, and the institutions that characterize modern mixed-capitalist economies. A basis of the course.

Course Descriptions

10801195 Written Communication - Credits: 3
Develops writing skills which include prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. A variety of writing assignments is designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents. PREREQUISITE: Successful scores on placement test or 10831103 Introduction to College Writing.

10801196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication - Credits: 3
Focuses upon developing speaking, verbal and nonverbal communication, and listening skills through individual presentations, group activities, and other projects.

10801198 Speech - Credits: 3
Explores the fundamentals of effective oral presentation to small and large groups. Topic selection, audience analysis, methods of organization, research, structuring evidence and support, delivery techniques, and other essential elements of speaking successfully, including the listening process, form the basis of the course.

10801197 Technical Reporting - Credits: 3
The student will prepare and present oral and written technical reports. Types of reports may include lab and field reports, proposals, technical letters and memos, technical research reports, and case studies. Designed as an advanced communication course for students who have completed at least the prerequisite introductory writing course. PREREQUISITE: 10801195 Written Communication.

10809144 Macroeconomics - Credits: 3
Macroeconomics is an introductory course. Basic social choices regarding economic systems, basic economic aggregates, fiscal policy, the banking system, monetary policy, and international trade are the principle topics discussed in the course. A balance is drawn between description, theory, analysis, and a critique of the institutions that characterize modern mixed-capitalist economies. Conflicting social goals, economic constraints, and environmental concerns provide the framework through which the microeconomy is analyzed.

10809196 Introduction to Sociology - Credits: 3
Introduces students to the basic concepts of sociology: culture, socialization, social stratification, multi-culturalism, and the five institutions, including family, government, economics, religion, and education. Other topics include demography, deviance, technology, environment, social issues, social change, social organization, and workplace issues.

10809172 Race, Ethnic, and Diversity Studies - Credits: 3
Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity is a course that draws from several disciplines to reinforce the basic American values of justice and equality by teaching a basic vocabulary, a history of immigration and conquest, principles of transcultural communication, legal liability and the value of aesthetic production to increase the probability of respectful encounters among people. In addition to an analysis of majority/minority relations in a multicultural context, the topics of ageism, sexism, gender differences, sexual orientation, the disabled and the American Disability Act (ADA) are explored. Ethnic relations are studied in global and comparative perspectives.

10809122 Introduction to American Government - Credits: 3
Introduces American political processes and Institutions. Focuses on rights and responsibilities of citizens and the process of participatory democracy. Learners examine the complexity of the separation of powers and checks and balances. Explores the role of the media, interest groups, political parties, and public opinion in the political process. Also explores the role of state and national government in our federal system.

10809166 Introduction to Ethics: Theory and Application - Credits: 3
This course provides a basic understanding of the theoretical foundations of ethical thought. Diverse ethical perspectives will be used to analyze and compare relevant issues. Students will critically evaluate individual, social and/or professional standards of behavior, and apply a systematic decision-making process to these situations.

Outcomes
The General Studies certificate will help you:

- Develop learning skills.
- Clarify career/educational goals.
- Recognize and be more aware of your abilities.
- Complete general education requirements prior to choosing a program.
- Match your interests and abilities to today's technical careers.
- Improve your study habits, writing skills, academic performance, and employability skills.

Special Features
Some credits may also be transferable to other technical colleges, the UW System, or private four-year colleges. Check with the other college for more information.

Student Profile
You should consider a General Studies certificate if you are:

- A high school senior who is unsure of what major you should pursue at a technical college or four-year university
- Returning to school without a clear career path in mind

Completion of this certificate makes you eligible to apply for the General Studies certificate offered at the technical college or four-year university of your choice.