Mission Statement: The College of Arts and Sciences offers a variety of programs and courses leading to many successful careers. Computer technology is integrated throughout all majors. The College offers the vast majority of the general education courses that serve as background for all degrees.

Goal Statement: The Associate of Arts degree in General Studies provides opportunities for students still undecided about their careers to explore possible educational and career options. It also serves as an entry program for students desiring to seek admission to baccalaureate or professional programs, either at Dakota State University or at another institution.

Graduates of this degree program will be expected to demonstrate their achievement of the general education objectives of the Board of Regents, to understand current and emerging computer-based technologies, and to use the basic skills of information processing.

General Studies graduates will be assessed in the following areas:

1. General Studies students will be knowledgeable and competent in computer programming.
   a. Technology exam: 75% of students will satisfactorily complete the exam for computer competency.

2. General Studies students will demonstrate achievement of general education objectives.
   a. Portfolio: 75% of students will satisfactorily demonstrate achievement of general education objectives.

3. General Studies students will continue their education in baccalaureate or professional programs.
   a. Graduate Survey: 75% of graduates will continue their education at the baccalaureate or professional level.