

2024-2025 General Catalog and Student Handbook Addendums

New Courses

BIO 250 - Directed Studies in Biology I

1 - 4 credits

This course allows independent study under the direction of an instructor. Topics to be included in the course material will be approved by the instructor prior to or at the beginning of the class. Upon completion, students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the topics as specified by the instructor.

Note: Course may be used in Area V for AS/AA degrees

BIO 251 - Directed Studies in Biology II

1 - 4 credits

Prerequisite(s): BIO 250

This course allows independent study under the direction of an instructor. Topics to be included in the course material will be approved by the instructor prior to or at the beginning of the class. Upon completion, students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the topics as specified by the instructor.

Note: Course may be used in Area V for AS/AA degrees

MTH 108 - Quantitative Reasoning

3 credits

This course is intended for students who are not majoring in science, engineering, commerce, or mathematics (i.e., students who are not required to take calculus). It provides a foundation in thinking quantitatively. An emphasis is placed on real-world applications. Topics include mathematical reasoning, data interpretation, problem-solving strategies, equation solving, number sense, probability, counting principles, geometric applications, and measurement.

SPA 101 - Introductory Spanish I

4 credits

This course provides an introduction to Spanish. Topics include the development of basic communication skills and the acquisition of basic knowledge of the cultures of Spanish-speaking areas.

SPA 102 - Introductory Spanish II

4 credits

Prerequisite(s): SPA 101

This continuation course includes the development of basic communication skills and the acquisition of basic knowledge of the cultures of Spanish-speaking areas.

SPA 201 - Intermediate Spanish I

3 credits

Prerequisite(s): SPA 102

This course focuses on the further development of reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills in Spanish.

SPA 202 - Intermediate Spanish II

3 credits

Prerequisite(s): SPA 201

This continuation course focuses on the further development of reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills in Spanish.

Course Updates

ENG 246 - **Creative Writing I**

3 credits

Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in ENG 102 or equivalent

These courses provides instruction and practice in the writing of critical analysis of imaginative forms of literature. Emphasis is placed on originality in the creative writing process, and the course may include instruction on publishing. Students will compose a significant body of imaginative literature, which may be read by or to the class.

ENG 247 - **Creative Writing II**

3 credits

Prerequisite(s): A grade of C or higher in ENG 246 or equivalent

These courses provides instruction and practice in the writing of critical analysis of imaginative forms of literature. Emphasis is placed on originality in the creative writing process, and the course may include instruction on publishing. Students will compose a significant body of imaginative literature, which may be read by or to the class.

Updated Information

General Education, AA and AS (MN)

These courses should be appropriate to the degree requirements, major, and electives of the individual student who wishes to transfer to a four-year institution. Students should consult with their academic adviser for appropriate course selection. Students should also check with the institution they wish to transfer to for recommendations. For further details concerning specific majors, students should refer to the Alabama Transfers Guide, formerly STARS at <https://alabamatransfer.com>

Bishop State Community College Vision Statement:

Bishop State Community College will be a comprehensive learning institution that equips students and the community with the skills, knowledge, and ability to achieve real-world success.

Bishop State Community College Mission Statement:

Bishop State Community College provides an accessible and affordable higher education through quality academic pathways, relevant career-focused training, and innovative technology that empowers individuals to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

Bishop State Community College Core Values:

- **Access - Strengthen and expand** access by increasing awareness of educational opportunities that are reflective of student, industry, and community needs.
- **Student Success- Promote** a student-centered environment that utilize technology and educational pathways that concentrates on student achievement, engagement and educational excellence
- **Integrity - Operating** with accountability, transparency and mutual respect of all stakeholders.
- **Workforce - Achieve** regional and statewide recognition as a primary college of choice for providing workforce training by delivering high quality programs and instruction that enables students to grow, succeed, and stay globally competitive.
- **Collaboration - Nurture** collaborative relationships with K-12, universities, industry, philanthropic, and community partners to develop a cohesive educational strategy that seek to solve common challenges.
- **Resources & Efficiency - Strategically leverage**, grow and utilize resources to maximize student success and institutional sustainability and effectiveness.

Policy Changes

Course Forgiveness

Course forgiveness is implemented when a student repeats a course and the higher/highest grade awarded (excluding the grade of W) replaces all previous grades for that course in the computation of the cumulative grade point average. The official transcript will list the course and grade each time it is attempted.

When a student completes a course more than once, the highest grade will be counted in the GPA and all other grades excluded from the GPA. Official transcripts will list each course in which a student was enrolled.

A student may repeat a course more than once, but the course may be counted only once toward fulfillment of credit hours for graduation.

NOTE: STUDENTS SHOULD CHECK FINANCIAL AID REGULATIONS REGARDING REPETITION OF COURSES.

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Program Updates

General Education, AA and AS (MN)

Humanities (Area II)

Select 12 Credit Hours

Must complete Art, Dance, Music, or Theatre Appreciation

Must complete 3 Credit Hours in Literature, Note: Students who do not wish to take a sequence in History (see Area IV), must complete a sequence in Literature

ART 100 - Art Appreciation 3 credits

DNC 101 - Dance Appreciation 3 credits

ENG 251 - American Literature I 3 credits
ENG 252 - American Literature II 3 credits
ENG 261 - English Literature I 3 credits
ENG 262 - English Literature II 3 credits
ENG 271 - World Literature I 3 credits
ENG 272 - World Literature II 3 credits
MUS 101 - Music Appreciation 3 credits
PHL 206 - Ethics and Society 3 credits
REL 151 - Survey of the Old Testament 3 credits
REL 152 - Survey of the New Testament 3 credits
SPA 101 - Introductory Spanish I 4 credits
SPA 102 - Introductory Spanish II 4 credits
SPA 201 - Intermediate Spanish I 3 credits
SPA 202 - Intermediate Spanish II 3 credits
SPH 106 - Fundamentals of Oral Communication 3 credits
SPH 107 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3 credits
THR 120 - Theatre Appreciation 3 credits
THR 126 - Introduction to Theatre 3 credits
Total Humanities Coursework: 12 Credit Hours

Nursing, AAS (MN)

Associate Degree Nursing - Upon successful completion of the ADN program, the student is awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree.

Practical Nursing - Upon successful completion of the PN program, the student is awarded a certificate in Practical Nursing.

Associate Degree or Upon successful completion of 3rd block - Upon successful completion of the program of studies in either the Associate Degree or Practical Nursing Programs, the graduate may be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination, upon approval by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

Admission Requirements Checklist

Unconditional admission to the college. Application must be updated if student did not attend Bishop State during the previous semester/term.

Original transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file and evaluated by the Office of Admissions and Records prior to the nursing application deadline.

NEW APPLICATION PROCESS: Application must be submitted electronically through the online application system before the noted deadline. All supporting documents, transcripts, test scores, letters, certifications, etc. will be submitted electronically through this system. Meeting all admissions criteria does not guarantee acceptance in to the program. Please refer to the program website for complete admissions process.

A minimum of 2.5 GPA for nursing required academic core courses which are: ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, BIO 201, BIO 202, BIO 220, PSY 210, SPH 106 or SPH 107, and a Humanities elective (MUS 101, ART 100, or PHL 206 suggested).

Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at current, native institution or cumulative 2.0 in institution from which student is transferring.

A minimum of 2.5 GPA cumulative high school GPA for students without prior college courses (GED will be used if applicable).

Eligibility for or completion of ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, and BIO 201 with a grade of “C” or higher.

Must have a minimum composite score of 18 points on the ACT test.

Good standing with College. A letter of good standing clearing from any legal, moral, or ethical issues, sent by the Dean or Director of Nursing (must be on official school letterhead) from any previously attended nursing program.

Must meet the essential functions for nursing.

The required number of hours per week varies with each nursing course. The program is offered during the daytime with set meeting times. Courses are not scheduled around rotating shifts.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 must be maintained while in the nursing program.

Course Requirements

First Semester

NUR 112 - Fundamental Concepts of Nursing credits

MTH 100 - Intermediate College Algebra 3 credits (if not already completed)

BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits (if not already completed)

Total: 14 Credit Hours

Second Semester

NUR 113 - Nursing Concepts I credits

ENG 101 - English Composition I 3 credits (if not already completed)

PSY 210 - Human Growth and Development 3 credits (if not already completed)

BIO 202 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 credits (if not already completed)

Total: 18 Credit Hours

Third Semester

NUR 114 - Nursing Concepts II credits

NUR 115 - Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning credits

SPH 106 - Fundamentals of Oral Communication 3 credits

OR SPH 107 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3 credits (if not already completed)

Total: 13 Credit Hours

Students are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-PN after successfully completing the third semester.

Fourth Semester

NUR 211 - Advanced Nursing Concepts credits

BIO 220 - General Microbiology 4 credits (if not already completed)

Total: 11 Credit Hours

Fifth Semester

NUR 221 - Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning credits

Humanities Elective 3 credits (if not already completed)

Total: 10 Credit Hours

Total: 66 Credit Hours

New Programs

General Education, STC (MN)

Effective Spring 2025

This award is designed to assist students in developing an academic foundation to earn credit toward the Associate in Science degree.

English Composition (Area I)

ENG 101 - English Composition I 3 credits

ENG 102 - English Composition II 3 credits

Total English Composition Coursework: 6 Credit Hours

Humanities (Area II)

Select one Humanities Course

ART 100 - Art Appreciation 3 credits

DNC 101 - Dance Appreciation 3 credits

ENG 251 - American Literature I 3 credits

ENG 252 - American Literature II 3 credits

ENG 261 - English Literature I 3 credits

ENG 262 - English Literature II 3 credits

ENG 271 - World Literature I 3 credits

ENG 272 - World Literature II 3 credits

MUS 101 - Music Appreciation 3 credits

PHL 206 - Ethics and Society 3 credits

REL 151 - Survey of the Old Testament 3 credits

REL 152 - Survey of the New Testament 3 credits

SPA 101 - Introductory Spanish I 4 credits

SPA 102 - Introductory Spanish II 4 credits

SPA 201 - Intermediate Spanish I 3 credits

SPA 202 - Intermediate Spanish II 3 credits

SPH 106 - Fundamentals of Oral Communication 3 credits

SPH 107 - Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3 credits

THR 120 - Theatre Appreciation 3 credits

THR 126 - Introduction to Theatre 3 credits

Total Humanities Coursework: 3 Credit Hours

Mathematics and Natural Sciences (Area III)

Select one Math course and one Natural Science Course

MTH 108 - Quantitative Reasoning 3 credits
MTH 110 - Finite Mathematics 3 credits
MTH 112 - Precalculus Algebra 3 credits
MTH 113 - Precalculus Trigonometry 3 credits
MTH 115 - Precalculus Algebra & Trigonometry 4 credits
MTH 120 - Calculus and Its Applications 3 credits
MTH 125 - Calculus I 4 credits
MTH 126 - Calculus II 4 credits
MTH 227 - Calculus III 4 credits
MTH 237 - Linear Algebra 3 credits
MTH 238 - Applied Differential Equations I 3 credits
MTH 265 - Elementary Statistics 3 credits

BIO 101 - Introduction to Biology I 4 credits
BIO 102 - Introduction to Biology II 4 credits
BIO 103 - Principles of Biology I 4 credits
BIO 104 - Principles of Biology II 4 credits
CHM 104 - Introduction to Chemistry I 4 credits
CHM 105 - Introduction to Chemistry II 4 credits
CHM 111 - College Chemistry I 4 credits
CHM 112 - College Chemistry II 4 credits
PHS 111 - Physical Science 4 credits
PHS 112 - Physical Science II 4 credits
PHY 201 - General Physics I - Trig Based 4 credits
PHY 202 - General Physics II - Trig Based 4 credits
PHY 213 - General Physics with Calculus I 4 credits
PHY 214 - General Physics with Calculus II 4 credits
Total Mathematics and Natural Sciences Coursework: 7 - 8 Credit Hours
History, Social, and Behavioral Science (Area IV)
Choose one History, Social, or Behavioral Science course

HIS 101 - History of Western Civilization I 3 credits
HIS 102 - History of Western Civilization II 3 credits
HIS 201 - United States History I 3 credits
HIS 202 - United States History II 3 credits
ECO 231 - Principles of Macroeconomics 3 credits
ECO 232 - Principles of Microeconomics 3 credits
POL 200 - Introduction to Political Science 3 credits
POL 211 - American National Government 3 credits
PSY 200 - General Psychology 3 credits
PSY 210 - Human Growth and Development 3 credits
SOC 200 - Introduction to Sociology 3 credits
SOC 210 - Social Problems 3 credits
Total History, Social, and Behavioral Science Coursework: 3 Credit Hours

General Education Electives (Area V)

Select one Elective Course. Refer to individual course descriptions to determine what courses can be used towards Area V completion.

Total General Education Elective Coursework: 3 Credit Hours

Total Credit Hours for Program Completion: 22-23 Credit Hours