

Kingswood University
A.A. GENERAL EDUCATION (AAGE)
OBJECTIVES, MEASUREMENTS, & OUTCOMES

Because enrolment in the AA General Education degree is so low and data is limited, aggregate data for the past five years is reported (2017-2022)

OBJECTIVE 1 – General Education students will have a foundation in a range of general education courses

Benchmark – 75% of AAGE students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in general education courses¹

Data:

| | 2017-2022 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Percentage meeting benchmark | 40.7% |
| Number of courses | 10 |
| Total enrolment in above courses | 59 |

OBJECTIVE 2 – General Education students will be adequately prepared for continuing education in an arts-related field

Benchmark – AAGE students will graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.0

Data:

| | 2017-2022 |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Percentage meeting benchmark | 100% |
| Average GPA | 3.39 |
| Number of graduates | 1 |

OBJECTIVE 3 - General Education students will receive quality education in a Bible-based university context for enriched spiritual growth and development

Benchmark 1 – 75% of AAGE students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in Bible and theology courses²

Data:

| | 2017-2022 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Percentage meeting benchmark | 42.1% |
| Number of courses | 6 |
| Total enrolment in above courses | 19 |

Benchmark 2 – 75% of AAGE students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in the Spiritual Formation Component

Data:

| | 2017-2022 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Percentage meeting benchmark | 40.9% |
| Total enrolment in above courses | 22 |

OBJECTIVE 4 - General Education students have basic ministry experience preparing them for enhanced lay ministry

Benchmark 1 – 75% of AAGE students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in Practicum credits

Data:

| | 2017-2022 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Percentage meeting benchmark | 75.0% |
| Total enrolment in above courses | 12 |

Benchmark 2 – 75% of AAGE students will earn a grade of at least 80% (B-) in the supervisor evaluation of Practicum ministries

Data:

| | 2017-2022 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Percentage meeting benchmark | 100.0% |
| Total enrolment in above courses | 8 |

CONCLUSION/ACTION STEPS

The data shows that most of the A.A. General Education objectives have not been met in the past five years. A review of the academic careers of the nine students enrolled in this degree at various times in this time period confirms the sense that this degree has, in many cases, become a fallback for poor students to allow them “to at least get a degree,” and thus has become perceived as an easy route to a degree. The data proves otherwise as most of these students have not completed the degree, and several were dismissed for academic reasons.

Action Steps include:

- An increased promotion of the A.A. General Education degree as a viable degree and a steppingstone to further education in fields other than those offered by Kingswood. Transfer agreements for this degree are in place with several other educational institutions; these should be marketed more aggressively;
- An increase in intrusive advising for student success;
- A decrease in using this degree as a back-up plan for weak students who enjoy and benefit from the Kingswood experience and thus want to remain on campus without full attention to academics.

¹ Courses in English language & literature, history, psychology, sociology, math/science, music, and philosophy

² Biblical Literature I (OT 101); Biblical Literature II (NT 101); Basic Christian Beliefs (TH 203); Bible or Theology electives