

## DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

To earn the associate of arts degree, the student must successfully complete courses from the following areas:

#### General Education

##### Institutional Goal: Critical Thinking

Competency 1: *Understanding and applying the elements of scientific inquiry and scientific principles in a natural science college laboratory course setting*

Competency 2: *Use mathematics to effectively model and evaluate quantitative relationships*

##### Institutional Goal: Communication Competency 3: *Write*

*effectively*

Competency 4: *Understand and apply current and appropriate technology tools and resources*

##### Institutional Goal: Social and Cultural Awareness Competency 5: *Recognize*

*expressions of the human experience*

Competency 6: *Understand the processes that influence human values, thoughts, social systems, and behavior*

#### Additional Requirements

##### Written Communication – 3 Semester Hours

In addition to the course taken to meet General Education Competency (C3), the student must successfully complete one additional writing course selected from English 102, 152, 155 or 254.

##### Social Science – 9 Semester Hours

In addition to courses taken to meet General Education Competencies (C5) and (C6), the student must successfully complete nine additional semester hours selected from two different subject areas listed below:

Anthropology, economics, geography (except Geography 151), history, political science, psychology, social work, sociology or criminal justice.

##### Humanities – 6 Semester Hours

In addition to courses taken to meet General Education Competencies (C5) and (C6), the student must successfully complete six additional semester hours selected from two different subject areas listed below:

Art, communications, English (excluding English courses taken to meet the Writing Effectively competency and the written communications requirement), humanities, journalism, music, philosophy, speech or theater.

##### Foreign Language – 8 Semester Hours

The student must successfully complete eight semester hours of one foreign language. Students with a minimum of four semesters of one foreign language in high school may petition the dean of humanities/social sciences for a waiver of one course (four credits) of this requirement. Students receiving waivers do not earn college credit and will need to earn additional hours to meet the 60-hour degree requirement.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE (AS)

To earn the associate of science degree, the student must successfully complete courses from the following areas:

#### General Education

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Institutional Goal: Critical Thinking

Competency 1: *Understanding and applying the elements of scientific inquiry and scientific principles in a natural science college laboratory course setting*

Competency 2: *Use mathematics to effectively model and evaluate quantitative relationships*

Institutional Goal: Communication Competency 3: *Write*

*effectively*

Competency 4: *Understand and apply current and appropriate technology tools and resources*

Institutional Goal: Social and Cultural Awareness Competency 5: *Recognize*

*expressions of the human experience*

Competency 6: *Understand the processes that influence human values, thoughts, social systems, and behavior*

Additional Requirements

Written Communication – 3 Semester Hours

In addition to the General Education Competency (C3), the student must successfully complete one additional writing course selected from English 102, 152, 155 or 254.

Social Science – 6 Semester Hours

In addition the courses to meet the General Education Competencies (C5) and (C6), the student must successfully complete an additional six semester hours selected from two subject areas listed below:

Anthropology, economics, geography (except geography 151), history, political science, psychology, social work, sociology or criminal justice.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

To earn the associate of applied science degree students must successfully complete courses from the following areas.

General Education

Institutional Goal: Critical Thinking

Competency 1: *Understanding and applying the elements of scientific inquiry and scientific principles in a natural science college laboratory course setting*

Competency 2: *Use mathematics to effectively model and evaluate quantitative relationships*

Institutional Goal: Communication Competency 3: *Write*

*effectively*

Competency 4: *Understand and apply current and appropriate technology tools and resources*

Institutional Goal: Social and Cultural Awareness Competency 5: *Recognize*

*expressions of the human experience*

Competency 6: *Understand the processes that influence human values, thoughts, social systems, and behavior*

Additional Requirements

Technical and Specialty Areas

32 or more semester hours as outlined in specific AAS degree programs or specialty areas. Deviation from a specified program may be made only with approval of the division dean, vice president of instruction or their designees.

Apprenticeship Training

A maximum of 32 credits for apprentice training completion may be awarded toward required coursework for the associate degree. Students interested in applying apprentice training toward credit for this degree need to produce documentation of successful completion of the apprenticeship training through the following: 1) Authenticated or official copies of completion certificate, and 2) Transcripts of courses completed toward fulfillment of the apprentice training that clearly show course names and titles, where available.

REQUIREMENT FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF FINE ARTS DEGREE (AFA)

To earn the associate of fine arts degree students must successfully complete courses from the following areas.

General Education

Institutional Goal: Critical Thinking

Competency 1: *Understanding and applying the elements of scientific inquiry and scientific principles in a natural science college laboratory course setting*

Competency 2: *Use mathematics to effectively model and evaluate quantitative relationships*

Institutional Goal: Communication Competency 3: *Write*

*effectively*

Competency 4: *Understand and apply current and appropriate technology tools and resources*

Institutional Goal: Social and Cultural Awareness Competency 5: *Recognize*

*expressions of the human experience*

Competency 6: *Understand the processes that influence human values, thoughts, social systems, and behavior*

Additional Requirements

Social Science –3 Semester Hours

In addition the courses to meet the General Education Competencies (C5) and (C6), the student must successfully complete an additional three semester hours selected from the subject areas listed below:

Anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, social work, sociology or criminal justice.

Humanities – 3 Semester Hours

In addition the courses to meet the General Education Competencies (C5) and (C6), the student must successfully complete an additional three semester hours selected from the subject areas listed below:

Art, communications, English (except English 151), foreign language, humanities, journalism, music, philosophy, speech or theater.

Area of Specialization – 32 semester hours of ART courses

The student must successfully complete one of the art curricula that reflects a high degree of specialization.

Program Designation

1. Students who have pursued a specific career program leading to the Associate of Fine Arts or the Associate of Applied Science degree will have the major appear on the transcript; e.g., Associate of Applied Science in Accounting or Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Technology. The College catalog will list the courses required for program designations.
2. The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees will not carry designation of major area of study.