

Associate in Arts (A10100) Curriculum Standard

The Associate in Arts degree shall be granted for a planned program of study consisting of a minimum of 64 and a maximum of 65 semester hours of college transfer courses. (Ref. 23 NCAC 2E.0204) Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and the basic computer use.

Courses are approved for transfer through the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Community college graduates who have earned 64 semester hours of academic credit in approved transfer courses with a grade of "C" or better in each course and an overall GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale will receive at least 64 semester hours of academic credit upon admission to a university. Courses may also transfer through bilateral agreements between institutions. Courses offered through bilateral agreements may not transfer to all receiving institutions.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (44 SHC)*

The general education core includes study in the areas of humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, and English composition.

English Composition (6 SHC) *Two English composition courses are required.*

ENG 111 Expository Writing (3 SHC) is required as the first composition course.

The second composition course must be selected from the following:

- ENG 112 Argument-Based Research (3 SHC) *or*
- ENG 113 Literature-Based Research (3 SHC) *or*
- ENG 114 Professional Research and Reporting (3 SHC)

Humanities/Fine Arts (12 SHC)**

Four courses from at least **three** of the following discipline areas are required: art, drama, dance, foreign languages, interdisciplinary humanities, literature, music, philosophy, and religion. **At least one course must be a literature course.**

Social/Behavioral Sciences (12 SHC)

Four courses from at least **three** of the following discipline areas are required: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology. **At least one course must be a history course.**

Natural Sciences/Mathematics (14 SHC)

Natural Sciences (8 SHC):

Two courses, including accompanying laboratory work, from the biological and physical science disciplines are required.

Mathematics (6 SHC):

At least one course in introductory mathematics is required; the other course may be selected from among other quantitative subjects, such as computer science and statistics.

A college may award a diploma under the A10100 for completion of the entire general education core as outlined with a grade of "C" or better in each course.

OTHER REQUIRED HOURS (20-21 SHC)*

One semester hour of credit may be included in a sixty-five semester hour credit associate in arts program. The transfer of the sixty-fifth hour is not guaranteed. A minimum of 20 SHC of college transfer general education, elective, and/or pre-major courses is required.

Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC) in Program: 64-65

* **Students must meet the receiving university's foreign language and/or health and physical education Requirements, if applicable, prior to or after transfer to the senior institution.**

** **3 SHC in Speech/Communication may be substituted for 3 SHC in Humanities/Fine Arts. Speech/Communication may not substitute for the literature requirement.**

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