Description
The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in General Studies degree requires 60-64 semester credits in courses numbered 100 and above. The degree includes the following components:

I. General Education (minimum of 38 credits)
   Core curriculum (requires a grade of “C” or better)
   Distribution courses (requires a grade of “D” or better)

II. General Electives (enough additional courses numbered 100 or above, passed with a grade of “D” or better, to bring total credits to at least 60)

Purpose of the Degree
The Associate in General Studies (AGS) degree is recommended for students whose educational goals require flexibility. The AGS allows students to apply any course numbered 100 or above, including some that are not transferable to a state university, toward the credits required for the degree. Therefore, for students who intend to transfer to another college or university in the future to pursue a bachelor’s degree, this degree may be less appropriate than other Associate degrees offered (Associate in Arts (AA, AAEE, AAFA), Associate in Business (ABUS-GR, ABUS-SR) or Associate in Science (AS) ) by the Maricopa Community Colleges.

Academic Policies that Govern the Associate in General Studies Degree:
- The graduation policies within the general catalog must be satisfied.
- A single course can simultaneously count towards a Core Area and a Distribution requirement. Courses that meet this criterion are **bold print and underscored** in the Core areas and Distribution areas (on the course list at the conclusion of this document). For example, CRE101 may be used to satisfy both the Literacy and Critical Inquiry requirement [L] of Distribution area and the Core Curriculum’s Critical Reading area. While multiple requirements can be met with a single course, the credits are only counted one time toward the required minimum for the degree. A course cannot satisfy more than one Core area, even if it is approved for more than one Core area. A course cannot satisfy more than one Distribution area, even if it is approved for more than one Distribution area.
- Credits transferred from outside of MCCCD must be at a grade of “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better. Transfer credit graded pass/fail or pass/no credit may be transferred if documentation collected by the community college indicates that this was the only grading option available to the student and that the Pass grade (“P”) is equivalent to a “C” or better.
- Completion of the AGS with a minimum Grade Point Average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for Arizona residents and 2.50 for non-residents meets Arizona public university general admission requirements. However, meeting all AGS minimums does not ensure admission to specific university majors or programs with selective admission processes and/or limited enrollment. Furthermore, because the AGS is not designed to align with the requirements for bachelor’s degrees, not all credits may be transferable and students may have deficiencies in lower division (100- and 200-level) courses for a particular major.

Summary of Degree Requirements:
Details on how to identify courses approved for each of the different categories is described following the outline.

1. **MCCCD General Education** ........................................... 34-47
   Core Areas ........................................................................ 12-18
   1. First-Year Composition ................................................. 6
      ENG101 OR ENG107 AND
      ENG102 OR ENG108
   2. Mathematics .......................................................... 3-5
3.  Computer Usage ......................................................................................................... 1

4.  Oral Communication ................................................................................................. 3
    COM100  Introduction to Human Communication OR
    COM110  Interpersonal Communication OR
    COM225  Public Speaking OR
    COM230  Small Group Communication (3 credits) OR
    COM100AA & COM100AB & COM100AC (3 credits) OR
    COM110AA & COM110AB & COM110AC (3 credits)

5.  Critical Reading ........................................................................................................ 0-3
    Students may demonstrate proficiency through assessment.
    CRE101  Critical Reading OR
    equivalent as indicated by assessment

Distribution Areas........................................................................................................ 22-29

1.  Humanities, Arts and Design .................................................................................. 9
    Students are encouraged to choose course work from more than one discipline.

2.  Social-Behavioral Sciences .................................................................................... 6-9
    Students are encouraged to choose course work from more than one discipline.
    Social-Behavioral Sciences requirements may be met with 6 credits only if COM100,
    COM110, or COM230 is shared between Core and Distribution (see Academic
    Policies section on prior page). The credits are only counted once, but may be applied
    to meet Oral Communication and Social-Behavioral Science requirements.

3.  Natural Sciences ...................................................................................................... 7-8
    Two lecture courses and one corresponding laboratory course are to be selected.
    Credits for lecture and lab components may be combined or each may carry separate
    credit. For appropriate course selection students should consult with an advisor.

4.  Literacy and Critical Inquiry .................................................................................. 0-3
    Literacy requirement may be met with 0 credits only if CRE101 or COM225 is shared
    between Core and Distribution (see Academic Policies section on prior page). The credits
    are only counted once, but may be applied to meet [Oral Communication and Literacy] or
    [Critical Reading and Literacy and Critical Inquiry] requirements.

II.  General Electives .................................................................................................. 13-26
    Select additional courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 60 semester credits
    but no more than a total of 64 semester credits.

Associate in General Studies Total Credits: ............................................................. 60-64
All courses listed meet AGS requirements as specified. Courses in **Purple Italic Underline** also meet Arizona General Education Curriculum AGEC requirements.

Courses in **bold print and underscored** simultaneously count towards a Core Area and a Distribution requirement.

**Degree Requirements**
**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE**
(16 credits - grade of “C” or better)

**First-Year Composition (6 credits)**
ENG English [101, 107] & [102, 108]

**Oral Communication (3 credits)**
COM Communication **100, 100AA & 100AB & 100AC, 110, 110AA & 110AB & 110AC, 225, 230**

**Critical Reading (3 credits)**
CRE Critical Reading **101** or Equivalent as indicated by assessment

**Mathematics (3 credits)**

**Computer Usage (1 credit)**
Computer-related course or demonstration of comparable computer skills. Additional courses may be approved by individual colleges. Students should contact their advisor for college-specific courses satisfying the requirement.

**ACC** Accounting 115
**ADA** Advertising Arts 169, 175, 177, 183, 283, 283AA, 289
**AJS** Administration of Justice Studies 205
**AMS** Automated Manufacturing System **150**
**ARC** Architecture 243, 244, 245
**ART** Art 100, 169, 175, 177, 177, 179, any 180++ course, 183, 283, 289
**BIO** Biology **283**
**BPC** Business-Personal Computers Any BPC Course(s), including **110**
**CIS** Computer Information Systems Any CIS Course(s), including **105, 162AB, 162AD, 163A & 163A (and except 159, 162, 162AC, 169, 183AA, 217AM, 259, 262)**
**CSC** Computer Science Any CSC Course(s), including **100AA, 100AB, 110, 110AA, 110AB, 120, 150, 150AA, 180, 180AA, 180AB, 181, 181AA, 181AB, 182, 182AA, 205, 205AA, 205AB, 205AC, 205AD**, **283 (and except 200, 200AA, 200AB, 210, 210AA, 210AB)**
**CTR** Court Reporting 101, 102
**DFT** Drafting Technology **105A**, **251, 254AA, 256AA **Must be taken with CSC100A or AB to meet AGEC value**  
**ECH** Early Childhood Education 238
**EEE** Electrical Engineering **120**
**ELE** Electronic 131, 181, 241, 243, 245
**ELT** Electronic Technology 131, 241, 243
**ENG** English 100AE
**FON** Food & Nutrition 100
**GBS** General Business **221**
**GIS** Geographic Information Science **205, 211**
**GPH** Physical Geography **220**
**HRM** Hotel Restaurant Management 126
**JRN** Journalism 133
**LAS** Paralegal Studies 229
**MAT** Mathematics **206**
**MET** Manufacturing Technology 264
**MTC** Music Theory/Composition **180**, **191**
**NET** Networking Technology **181**
**OAS** Office Automation Systems **111AA/111AB/113/119/130DK**
**PSY** Psychology **230**
**SBS** Small Business 211
**SWU** Social Work **225**
**TVL** Travel Agent Technology **203**
**VPT** Video Production Technology **106**

**GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION AREAS**
(28-29 credits)

**Humanities, Arts and Design (9 credits)**
Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline.
**AHU** Arabic Humanities **245**
**AIS** American Indian Studies **213**
**AJS** Administration of Justice Studies **223**
**ARH** Art Humanities Any ARH Course(s), including **100, 101, 102, 109, 110, 112, 115, 116, 131, 145, 201, 203, 204, 217, 216, 240, 250**
**ASB** Anthropology **211, 214, 220, 222, 223, 253**
**CCS** Chicana and Chicano Studies **101**
**CNS** Construction **101**
**COM** Communication **241**
**DAH** Dance Humanities **100, 201, 250, 255**
**EDU** Education **291, 292, 294**
**ENG** English **200, 212, 218**
**FRE** French **265**
**HCR** Health Care Related **210**
**HIS** History **101, 102, 103, 108, 110, 111, 113, 114, 203, 212, 251, 253, 254, 252, 275**
**HON** Honors **190**
**HUM** Humanities Any HUM course(s), including **100, 101, 105AA, 107, 108, 190AA, 190AB, 190AC, 190AD, 190AE, 190AF, 190AG, 190AH, 190AI, 201, 202, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211AA, 211AE, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 220, 245, 250, 251, 260, 261, 292, 295 (and except 120, 225)**
**INT** Interior Design **115, 120, 225**
**LAT** Latin **201, 202**
**MHL** Music: History/Literature **140, 143, 145, 146, 153, 155, 194, 204, 241, 242, 295**
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PHI Philosophy Any PHI Course(s), including 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 113, 201, 212, 213, 214, 215, 233AC, 216, 218, 224, 233AA, 233AB, 234AC, 244, 245, 250, 251, 282AA-AC


SLC Studies in Language & Culture 201

SPA Spanish 241, 242, 265, 266

SPH Spanish Humanities 241, 245

SSH Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111

STO Storytelling 292, 294

TCM Telecommunications 107

THE Theater 111, 220

THF Theatre and Film 205, 206, 210

THP Theater/Performance/Production 241

WST Women’s Studies 209, 248, 285, 290

Social-Behavioral Sciences (6-9 credits)

Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline. Social-Behavioral Sciences requirements may be met with 6 credits only if COM100, COM110, or COM230 is shared between Core and Distribution (see Academic Policies section). The credits are only counted once, but may be applied to meet Oral Communication and Social-Behavioral Science requirements.

AFR African American Studies 202

AIS American Indian Studies 101, 140, 141, 160

AJS Administration of Justice Studies 101, 119, 200, 225, 258, 290, 370

ASB Anthropology 102, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 230, 235, 252

ASM Anthropology 104/275

CCS Ethnic Relations 202

CFS Child/Family Studies 112, 157, 159, 176, 205, 235, 259

COM Communication 100, 100A&100B&100AC, 110, 110A&110B&110AC, 163, 230, 250, 263

ECH Early Childhood Education 176

ECN Economics 160, 210, 212, 213, 250

EDU Education 221, 222

EED Early Education 205, 205, 222

EMT Emergency Medical Technology 258

ENG English 213

FOR Forensic Science 275

FSC Fire Science Technology 258

FUS Future Studies 101

GCU Cultural Geography 102, 113, 121, 122, 141, 221

HES Health Science 100

HIS History any HIS Course(s), including 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 108, 109, 113, 114, 140, 145, 173, 190, 201, 203, 204, 209, 240, 241, 242, 273, 275, 277, 282AA, 282AA-AC (and except 111, 170, 251, 252, 253, 254)

HON Honors 201

IBS International Business 109

IFS Research in Global Society 201, 210

MCO Mass Communications 120

MGT Management 229, 230

PAD Public Administration 200

POS Political Science Any POS course(s), including 100, 101, 110, 113, 114, 115, 120, 125, 130, 140, 180, 210, 212, 221, 222, 223, 230, 270, 281AB, 282AA-AC, 285


REC Recreation 120

SBU Society and Business 200

SOC Sociology Any SOC course(s), including 101, 110, 130, 141, 157, 160, 212, 220, 241, 251, 266, 271 (and except 143, 245, 253, 265)

SSH Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111

SUS Sustainability/Natural Sciences 110

SWU Social Work 102, 121, 250, 258, 295

WED Wellness Education 110

WST Women’s Studies 100, 161

YAC Yaqui Indian History and Culture 100

Natural Sciences (7-8 credits)

Two lecture courses and one corresponding laboratory course are to be selected. The lecture and corresponding laboratory course(s) may carry separate credit. For appropriate course selection students should consult with an advisor.

AGS Agricultural Science 164, 260

ASB Anthropology 231

ASM Anthropology 104, 265, 275

AST Astronomy 101, 102, 106&107, 111&113, 112&114

BIO Biology 100, 101, 103, 107, 108, 109, 111, 145, 149AF, 149AH, 149AK, 149AL, 149AM, 156, 156XT, 160, 181, 181XT, 182, 201, 202, 205, 241, 245


CNS Construction 106

ENV Environmental Sciences 101

FON Food and Nutrition 241&241LL

FOR Forensic Science 105, 106, 275


GPH Physical Geography 111, 112&113, 211, 212&214, 213&215

PHS Physical Science 110, 120


PSY Psychology 275, 290AB, 290AC

Literacy and Critical Inquiry (0-3 credits)

Literacy requirements may be met with 0 credits only if CRE101 or COM225 is shared between Core and Distribution (see Academic Policies section). The credits are only counted once, but may be applied to meet [Critical Reading and Literary and Critical Inquiry] or [Oral Communication and Literary and Critical Inquiry] requirements.

AIS American Indian Studies 213

COM Communication 222, 225, 241

CPD Counseling and Personal Development 160

CRE Critical Reading 101

CUL Culinary Arts 223

DAH Dance Humanities 255

EDU Education 282AC

ENG English 111, 200, 215, 216, 217, 218
ENH  English Humanities 241, 254, 255
EXS  Exercise Science 290
GBS  General Business 233
GPH  Physical Geography 267
HUM  Humanities 225, 250, 251
IFS  Information Studies 201
JRN  Journalism 201, 215, 234
MCO  Mass Communications 220
MGT  Management 230
MHL  Music: History/Literature 204
PHI  Philosophy 103, 106, 218, 244
POS  Political Science 115
PSY  Psychology 290AB, 290AC
REL  Religious Studies 203, 205, 207
THE  Theatre 220
THP  Theatre Performance/Production 241

**Elective Courses (15-22 credits)** May select courses from prefixes already chosen for General Education Distribution requirements in order to develop depth in one or more subject areas.