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, Associate in Business, Associate in Science, and all major-specific pathway map versions of these degrees) 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 academic
   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
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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

**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.

**Humanities, Arts and Design (9 credits)**

**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, 111, 113, 114, 115, 118, 131, 145, 201, 203, 204, 217, 216, 240, 250
ASB Anthropology 211, 214, 220, 222, 223, 253
CCS Chicana and Chicano Studies 101
COM Communication 241
CON Construction 101(formerly CNS101)
DAH Dance Humanities 100, 101, 201, 250, 255
EDU Education 291, 292, 294
ENG English 200, 213, 218
FRE French 265
GST Game Studies 202
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, 235, 245, 250, 251, 260, 261, 292, 295 (and except 120, 225)
INT Interior Design 115, 120
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**LAT** Latin 201, 202

**MHL** Music: History/Literature 140, 143, 145, 146, 153, 155, 194, 204, 241, 242, 295

**PHI** Philosophy Any PHI Course(s), including 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 113, 114, 140, 145, 173, 216, 218, 224, 233A, 233B, 234AC, 244, 245, 250, 251, 282AA-AC


**SLC** Studies in Language & Culture 201, 202

**SPA** Spanish 241, 242, 265, 266

**SPh** Spanish Humanities 241, 245

**SSH** Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111

**STO** Storytelling 292, 294

**SWU** Social Work 183

**TCM** Telecommunications 107

**TEC** Textiles and Clothing 105

**THE** Theater 111, 220

**THF** Theatre and Film 205, 206, 210

**THP** Theater/Performance/Production 241

**WST** Women’s Studies 209, 284, 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 Critical Reading and Literacy (3 credits) or Oral Communication and Critical Reading (3 credits). Students should consult with an advisor.

**AFR** African American Studies 202, 203, 204

**AIS** American Indian Studies 101, 140, 141, 160

**AJE** Administration of Justice Studies 101, 119, 200, 225, 258, 259, 270

**ASB** Anthropology 100, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 226, 230, 235, 252

**ASM** Anthropology 104/275

**BHS** Behavioral Health Services Technology 150

**CCS** Ethnic Relations 202

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

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

**ECH** Early Childhood Education 176

**ECN** Economics 160, 211, 212, 213, 250

**EDU** Education 221, 222

**EED** Early Education 200, 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, 106, 108, 109, 113, 114, 140, 145, 173, 190, 201, 203, 204, 209, 240, 241, 242, 273, 275, 277, 282AA-AC (and except 111, 170, 251, 252, 253, 254)

**HON** Honors 201

**IFS** Interventional Business 200

**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, 109, 113, 114, 125, 130, 140, 180, 210, 212, 221, 222, 223, 230, 270, 281AB, 282AA-AC, 285


**REC** Recreation 210

**SBU** Society and Business 200

**SLC** Studies in Language & Culture 201

**SOC** Sociology Any SOC course(s), including 101, 110, 130, 141, 157, 180, 212, 220, 241, 251, 266, 270 (and except 143, 245, 253, 265)

**SSH** Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111

**SUS** Sustainability/Natural Sciences 110

**SWU** Social Work 102, 171, 182, 250, 258, 295

**TEC** Textiles and Clothing 105

**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, 106, 111, 112

**BIO** Biology 100, 101, 102, 103, 107, 108, 109, 111, 145, 149AF, 149AH, 149AK, 149AL, 149AM, 149AN, 156, 156XT, 160, 161, 181XT, 182, 201, 202, 205, 241, 245

**CHM** Chemistry 107&107LL, 130&130LL, 130AA, 150&151LL, 150AA, 151&151LL, 151AA

**CON** Construction 106 (formerly CNS106)

**ENV** Environmental Science 101

**FON** Food and Nutrition 241&241LL

**FOR** Forensic Science 105, 106, 275


**GPH** Geographic Information 111, 112&113, 211, 212&214, 213&215

**PHS** Physical Science 110, 120

**PHY** Physics 101, 101AA, 111, 111AA, 112, 115, 116, 121, 131

**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 Oral Communication] or [Critical Reading and Literacy and Critical Inquiry] requirements.
AIS  American Indian Studies 213
COM  Communication 222, 225, 241
CPD  Counseling and Personal Development 160
CRE  Critical Reading 101, 201
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
GPH  General Business 233
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
SLC  Studies in Language & Culture 202
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.