

**Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCCD)**  
**2019-2020 Associate in General Studies (AGS) Degree and General Education Requirements**

**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 bachelors 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.

<b>I. MCCCD General Education</b> .....	34-47
<b>Core Areas</b> .....	12-18
1. First-Year Composition .....	6
ENG101 OR ENG107 AND	
ENG102 OR ENG108	
2. Mathematics .....	3-5

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3. Computer Usage .....	1
4. Oral Communication .....	3
<u>COM100</u> Introduction to Human Communication OR	
<u>COM110</u> Interpersonal Communication OR	
<u>COM225</u> Public Speaking OR	
<u>COM230</u> Small Group Communication (3 credits) OR	
<u>COM100AA &amp; COM100AB &amp; COM100AC</u> (3 credits) OR	
<u>COM110AA &amp; COM110AB &amp; COM110AC</u> (3 credits)	
5. Critical Reading .....	0-3
Students may demonstrate proficiency through assessment.	
<u>CRE101</u> Critical Reading OR	
equivalent as indicated by assessment	
<b>Distribution Areas</b> .....	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.	
<b>II. General Electives</b> .....	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.	
<b>Associate in General Studies Total Credits:</b> .....	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 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)**

MAT Mathematics 112, 120, 121, 122, 126, 140, 141, 142, 145, 146, 150, 150&182, 151, 151&182, 152, 152&182, 155, 155&182, 156, 156&182, 172, 187, 206, 212, 213, 220, 221, 230, 231, 240, 241, 256, 257, 261, 262, 276, 277, Equivalent course/  
Satisfactory completion of a higher level Mathematics course.

**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, 170, 173, 175, 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, 163AA (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 105AA\*\*, 251, 254AA, 256AA  
\*\*Must be taken with CSCI00AA 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 123
- ARH Art Humanities Any ARH Course(s), including 100, 101, 102, 109, 110, 112, 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
- ENH English Humanities Any ENH Course(s), including 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 117, 130, 140AA, 190, 200, 201, 202, 204, 206, 214, 221, 222, 230, 231, 232, 235, 241, 242, 245, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 259, 260, 275, 277, 277AA-AK, 280, 284, 285, 291, 294, 295 (and except 250)
- 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 <a href="#">201, 202</a>	IBS	International Business <a href="#">109</a>
MHL	Music: History/Literature <a href="#">140, 143, 145, 146, 153, 155, 194, 204, 241, 242, 295</a>	IFS	Research in Global Society <a href="#">201, 210</a>
PHI	Philosophy Any PHI Course(s), including <a href="#">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</a>	MCO	Mass Communications <a href="#">120</a>
REL	Religious Studies Any REL Course(s), <a href="#">100, 101, 151, 200, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 218, 223, 225, 230, 240, 244, 245, 248, 250, 251, 271, 277, 292, 294, 295, 282AA-AC, 290, 291</a>	MGT	Management <a href="#">229, 230</a>
SLC	Studies in Language & Culture <a href="#">201, 202</a>	PAD	Public Administration <a href="#">200</a>
SPA	Spanish <a href="#">241, 242, 265, 266</a>	POS	Political Science Any POS course(s), including <a href="#">100, 101, 110, 113, 114, 115, 120, 125, 130, 140, 180, 210, 212, 221, 222, 223, 230, 270, 281AB, 282AA-AC, 285</a>
SPH	Spanish Humanities <a href="#">241, 245</a>	PSY	Psychology <a href="#">101, 123, 132, 156, 157, 215, 218, 225, 235, 240, 241, 243, 250, 260, 266, 277, 280, 292</a>
SSH	Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities <a href="#">111</a>	REC	Recreation <a href="#">120</a>
STO	Storytelling <a href="#">292, 294</a>	SBU	Society and Business <a href="#">200</a>
SWU	Social Work <a href="#">183</a>	SLC	Studies in Language & Culture <a href="#">201</a>
TCM	Telecommunications <a href="#">107</a>	SOC	Sociology Any SOC course(s), including <a href="#">101, 110, 130, 141, 157, 180, 212, 220, 241, 251, 266, 270</a> (and except 143, 245, 253, 265)
TEC	Textiles and Clothing <a href="#">105</a>	SSH	Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities <a href="#">111</a>
THE	Theater <a href="#">111, 220</a>	SUS	Sustainability/Natural Sciences <a href="#">110</a>
THF	Theatre and Film <a href="#">205, 206, 210</a>	SWU	Social Work <a href="#">102, 171, 182, 250, 258, 295</a>
THP	Theater/Performance/Production <a href="#">241</a>	TEC	Textiles and Clothing <a href="#">105</a>
WST	Women's Studies <a href="#">209, 284, 285, 290</a>	WED	Wellness Education <a href="#">110</a>
		WST	Women's Studies <a href="#">100, 161</a>
		YAQ	Yaqui Indian History and Culture <a href="#">100</a>

**Social-Behavioral Sciences (6-9 credits)**

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AFR	African American Studies <a href="#">202, 203, 204</a>
AIS	American Indian Studies <a href="#">101, 140, 141, 160</a>
AJS	Administration of Justice Studies <a href="#">101, 119, 200, 225, 258, 259, 270</a>
ASB	Anthropology <a href="#">100, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 226, 230, 235, 252</a>
ASM	Anthropology <a href="#">104/275</a>
BHS	Behavioral Health Services Technology <a href="#">150</a>
CCS	Ethnic Relations <a href="#">202</a>
CFS	Child/Family Studies <a href="#">112, 157, 159, 176, 205, 235, 259</a>
COM	Communication <a href="#">100, 100AA&amp;100AB&amp;100AC, 110, 110AA&amp;110AB&amp;110AC, 163, 230, 250, 263</a>
ECH	Early Childhood Education <a href="#">176</a>
ECN	Economics <a href="#">160, 211, 212, 213, 250</a>
EDU	Education <a href="#">221, 222</a>
EED	Early Education <a href="#">200, 205, 222</a>
EMT	Emergency Medical Technology <a href="#">258</a>
ENG	English <a href="#">213</a>
FOR	Forensic Science <a href="#">275</a>
FSC	Fire Science Technology <a href="#">258</a>
FUS	Future Studies <a href="#">101</a>
GCU	Cultural Geography <a href="#">102, 113, 121, 122, 141, 221</a>
HES	Health Science <a href="#">100</a>
HIS	History any HIS Course(s), including <a href="#">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</a> (and except 111, 170, 251, 252, 253, 254)
HON	Honors <a href="#">201</a>

**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 <a href="#">164, 260</a>
ASB	Anthropology <a href="#">231</a>
ASM	Anthropology <a href="#">104, 265, 275</a>
AST	Astronomy <a href="#">101, 106, 111, 112</a>
BIO	Biology <a href="#">100, 101, 102, 105, 107, 108, 109, 111, 145, 149AF, 149AH, 149AK, 149AL, 149AM, 149AN, 156, 156XT, 160, 181, 181XT, 182, 201, 202, 205, 241, 245, 156XT, 160, 181, 181XT, 182, 201, 202, 205, 241, 245</a>
CHM	Chemistry <a href="#">107&amp;107LL, 130&amp;130LL, 130AA, 150&amp;151LL, 150AA, 151&amp;151LL, 151AA, 152&amp;152LL, 152AA, 154&amp;154LL, 230&amp;230LL</a>
CON	Construction <a href="#">106 (formerly CNS106)</a>
ENV	Environmental Sciences <a href="#">101</a>
FON	Food and Nutrition <a href="#">241&amp;241LL</a>
FOR	Forensic Science <a href="#">105, 106, 275</a>
GLG	Geology <a href="#">101&amp;103, 101IN, 102&amp;104, 102IN, 105, 106, 110&amp;111, 110IN, 121, 140, 229AB-AC, 230AA-AC, 231AA-AD, 280, 281, 282AA</a>
GPH	Physical Geography <a href="#">111, 112&amp;113, 211, 212&amp;214, 213&amp;215</a>
PHS	Physical Science <a href="#">110, 120</a>
PHY	Physics <a href="#">101, 101AA, 111, 111AA, 112, 115, 116, 121, 131</a>
PSY	Psychology <a href="#">275, 290AB, 290AC</a>

**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 Literacy and Critical Inquiry] or [Oral Communication and Literacy and Critical Inquiry] requirements.

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AIS	American Indian Studies <a href="#">213</a>
COM	Communication <a href="#">222</a> , <a href="#">225</a> , <a href="#">241</a>
CPD	Counseling and Personal Development <a href="#">160</a>
CRE	Critical Reading <a href="#">101</a> , <a href="#">201</a>
CUL	Culinary Arts <a href="#">223</a>
DAH	Dance Humanities <a href="#">255</a>
EDU	Education <a href="#">282AC</a>
ENG	English <a href="#">111</a> , <a href="#">200</a> , <a href="#">215</a> , <a href="#">216</a> , <a href="#">217</a> , <a href="#">218</a>
ENH	English Humanities <a href="#">241</a> , <a href="#">254</a> , <a href="#">255</a>
EXS	Exercise Science <a href="#">290</a>
GBS	General Business <a href="#">233</a>
GPH	Physical Geography <a href="#">267</a>
HUM	Humanities <a href="#">225</a> , <a href="#">250</a> , <a href="#">251</a>
IFS	Information Studies <a href="#">201</a>
JRN	Journalism <a href="#">201</a> , <a href="#">215</a> , <a href="#">234</a>
MCO	Mass Communications <a href="#">220</a>
MGT	Management <a href="#">230</a>
MHL	Music: History/Literature <a href="#">204</a>
PHI	Philosophy <a href="#">103</a> , <a href="#">106</a> , <a href="#">218</a> , <a href="#">244</a>
POS	Political Science <a href="#">115</a>
PSY	Psychology <a href="#">290AB</a> , <a href="#">290AC</a>
REL	Religious Studies <a href="#">203</a> , <a href="#">205</a> , <a href="#">207</a>
SLC	Studies in Language & Culture <a href="#">202</a>
THE	Theatre <a href="#">220</a>
THP	Theatre Performance/Production <a href="#">241</a>

**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.