

ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES (AGS) DEGREE
Official MCCCDC Advisement Check Sheet
2018-2019 Catalog Year

Students are solely responsible for proper degree and course selection and program and grade point average requirements for their major and strongly encouraged to seek academic advisement. The college is responsible for neither course nor degree selection. The AGS degree is recommended for students who have educational goals that require flexibility. This degree may be less appropriate for students who intend to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution.

Minimum 60 Credits

NAME	ADVISOR / COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY MAJOR / CATALOG YEAR
ID #	DATE	CODE: 2000

I. General Education Core (13-18 credits) Core Courses must be grade of "C" or better	Cr	Gr	Sem	Notes
First-Year Composition (6 Credits)				
ENG101 or ENG107 – English Composition I	3			
ENG102 or ENG108 – English Composition II	3			
Oral Communication (3 Credits)				
COM100/110/225/230 – Introduction, Interpersonal, Public Speaking or Small Group Comm	3			
Critical Reading (0-3 Credits) (or equivalent as indicated by assessment)				
CRE101 – Critical College Reading OR exemption via placement testing	0-3			
Mathematics (3 Credits) (See advisor for appropriate COURSE FOR MAJOR)				
MAT112 – Math Concepts (or higher level MAT course)	3			
Computer Usage (1 Credit)				
	1			
II. General Studies Distribution (28-29 credits)				
Humanities, Arts, & Design (9 Credits) STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHOOSE COURSES FROM MORE THAN ONE DISCIPLINE.				
	3			
	3			
	3			
Social-Behavioral Sciences (9 Credits) STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHOOSE COURSES FROM MORE THAN ONE DISCIPLINE.				
	3			
	3			
	0-3*			
Natural Sciences (7-8 Credits) Two lecture courses and at least one corresponding lab are required.				
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	3-4			
Literacy and Critical Inquiry (3 Credits)				
(CRE101 can be used to fulfill this requirement if completed for credit)	3			
III. Elective Courses (Minimum 15 Credits)				
	3			
	3			
	3			
	3			
	3			
TOTAL CREDITS:				

*COM 100,110, OR 230 CAN SIMULTANEOUSLY SATISFY ORAL COMMUNICATION AND 1 SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES COURSE.COM 225 CAN SIMULTANEOUSLY SATISFY ORAL COMMUNICATION AND LITERACY. CREDITS CAN ONLY BE COUNTED ONCE. SEE ACADEMIC POLICIES ON NEXT PAGE.

COMPLETION OF THIS AGS DEGREE AND A MINIMUM 2.0 ON A 4.0 = A SCALE FOR ARIZONA RESIDENTS AND 2.5 ON A 4.0 = A SCALE FOR NON-RESIDENTS EXEMPTS STUDENT FROM ARIZONA UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS. ALL INFORMATION PUBLISHED IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PRESENTED, BUT BASED ON THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF THE CURRICULAR PROCESS, COURSE AND PROGRAM INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN ORDER TO REFLECT THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

**Maricopa Count Community College District (MCCCD)
2018-2019 Associate in General Studies (AGS) Degree**

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 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.

I. 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

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- 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 Reading0-3
 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 coursework from more than one discipline.
- 2. Social-Behavioral Sciences 6-9
 Students are encouraged to choose coursework 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 Inquiry0-3
 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 Electives13-26
 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

Students: To check your progress toward a degree, go to my.maricopa.edu. Log into your Student Center and select "Degree Progress Report" in the drop-down menu under test scores. Your degree program must be properly declared to ensure accuracy of the report. See an academic advisor if you need assistance.

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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, 122AA & 122AB & 122AC, *140, 141, 142, 150, 151, 151AA & 151AB & 151AC & 151AD, 152, 172, 182, 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

- (Computer Usage-Continued)
- 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*
- CNS Construction *101*
- COM Communication *241*
- DAH Dance Humanities *100, 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, 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*
- HCR Health Care Related *210*
- HIS History *101, 102, 103, 108, 110, 111, 113, 114, 203, 212, 251, 253, 254, 252, 275*
- 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*

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(Humanities, Arts and Design-Continued)

- 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, 113, 201, 212, 213, 214, 215, 233AC, 216, 218, 224, 233AA, 233AB, 234AC, 244, 245, 250, 251, 282AA-AC](#)
- REL Religious Studies Any REL Course(s), [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](#)
- 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, 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 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, 259, 270](#)
- ASB Anthropology [100, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 226, 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, 100AA&100AB&100AC, 110, 110AA&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](#)
- IBS International Business [109](#)
- IFS Research in Global Society [210](#)
- MCO Mass Communications 120
- MGT Management [229, 230](#)
- PAD Public Administration [200](#)

(Social-Behavioral Sciences-Continued)

- POS Political Science Any POS course(s), including [100, 101, 110, 113, 115, 120, 125, 130, 140, 180, 210, 212, 221, 222, 223, 230, 270, 281AB, 282AA-AC, 285](#)
- PSY Psychology [101, 123, 132, 156, 157, 215, 218, 225, 235, 240, 241, 243, 250, 260, 266, 277, 280, 292](#)
- REC Recreation [120](#)
- 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](#) (and except 143, 245, 253, 265, 270)
- SSH Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities [111](#)
- SUS Sustainability/Natural Sciences [110](#)
- SWU Social Work [102, 171, 250, 258, 292](#)
- WED Wellness Education [110](#)
- WST Women's Studies [100, 161](#)
- YAQ 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, 102, 105, 107, 108, 109, 111, 145, 149AF, 149AH, 149AK, 149AL, 149AM, 149AN, 156, 156XT, 160, 181, 181XT, 182, 201, 202, 205, 241, 245](#)
- CHM Chemistry [107&107LL, 130&130LL, 130AA, 150&151LL, 150AA, 151&151LL, 151AA, 152&152LL, 152AA, 154&154LL, 230&230LL](#)
- ENV Environmental Sciences [101](#)
- FON Food and Nutrition [241&241LL](#)
- FOR Forensic Science [105, 106, 275](#)
- GLG Geology [101&103, 102&104, 105, 106&107, 110&111, 121, 140, 229AB-AC, 230AA-AC, 231AA-AD, 280, 281, 282AA](#)
- GPH Physical Geography [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 Literacy and Critical Inquiry] or [Oral Communication 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](#)
- CUL Culinary Arts [223](#)
- DAH Dance Humanities [255](#)

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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.