When it comes to Degree Pathways, students have many choices.

**Associate in Arts (AA)**
The Associate in Arts degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. In general, the components of the degree meet requirements for majors in the Liberal Arts or programs of study other than business or science, and will transfer as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements. The AGEC-A (Arizona General Education Curriculum- Arts) is a component within the AA degree. The Associate in Arts, Fine Arts is offered as a customized pathway within the AA requirements, with specific versions for Dance, Art, and Theatre.

- Offers flexibility while preparing students for transfer
- Minimum math requirement: MAT140 or 141 or 142 - College Mathematics
- 60 credit minimum

**Associate in Business, General or Special Requirements (ABUS-GR, ABUS-SR)**
The Associate in Business, General Requirements and Special Requirements degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to Arizona's public universities into a variety of business majors and for students who plan to complete lower division course work toward a bachelor's degree program at other four-year colleges or universities. Generally, these degrees will transfer as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements. The AGEC-B (Arizona General Education Curriculum -Business) is a component within the ABUS-GR and ABUS-SR degrees.

- The ABUS-GR degree is for all business majors except Computer Information Systems
- The ABUS-SR degree is for Computer Information Systems majors
- Minimum math requirement: MAT212 or 213 - Brief Calculus
- 62 credit minimum

**Associate in Science (AS)**
The Associate in Science degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges and universities in a variety of science-related majors. In general, the components of the degree meet requirements for majors with more stringent mathematics and mathematics-based science requirements. Generally, the degree will transfer as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements. The AGEC-S (Arizona General Education Curriculum -Science) is a component within the AS degree.

- Minimum math requirement: MAT220 or 221 - Analytic Geometry & Calculus I
- Student must meet science requirements with one of the following 8 credit course sequences: BI0181 and 182 - General Biology I and II OR CHM151/151LL and 152/152LL - General Chemistry I and II OR PHY121 and 131 (or 115 and 116) - University Physics I and II
- Includes a "subject options" requirement of 6 credits with a restricted list of science and math options
- 60 credit minimum
Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AA-EE)
The Associate in Arts, Elementary Education degree is designed for students planning to transfer to an Elementary Education, Early Childhood, Multicultural/Multilingual, or Special Education program at an Arizona public higher education institution and/or who plans to become a classroom instructional aide. Generally, the degree transfers as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements. The AGEC-A (Arizona General Education Curriculum -Arts) is a component within the AAEE degree.

- Minimum math requirement: MAT140 or 141 or 142-College Mathematics
- 60 credit minimum

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)
The Associate in Applied Science degree is recommended for students who wish to gain a depth of technical expertise by completing one of the district’s occupational programs. There are 42 active AAS programs at this time that are offered district-wide or at more than one college, while many others are college-specific. The AAS degree does not include an AGEC; however, general education courses are required (specific courses vary by degree). Although students planning to transfer are generally advised to pursue one of the AGEC-based degrees listed (e.g. AA, AS), AAS to BAS pathways are available to students, and much coursework within an AAS can be applicable to a bachelor's degree program. Completing an AGEC is often recommended if students pursuing AAS degrees are considering transferring (and may not have been originally).

- Minimum math requirement: MAT112 Mathematical Concepts and Applications (overall—but higher math courses are required for some AAS degrees, depending on major)
- AAS checksheets are updated online monthly to reflect curriculum changes
- 60-100 credit minimum, depending on specific degree (usually approx. 65 credits)

Associate in General Studies (AGS)
The Associate in General Studies degree is recommended for students whose educational goals require flexibility. The AGS allows students to select courses numbered 100 or above, transferable or not, to complete the degree. Therefore, this degree may be less appropriate for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university. When a specific major and/or transfer university is selected by an AGS student, it is usually advisable to consider alternate degree pathways more closely aligned with university requirements.

- Minimum math requirement: MAT112 Mathematical Concepts and Applications
- Unlike transfer degrees (AA, AS, ABUS, AAEE), one of the two required natural science courses does not require an accompanying lab
- 60 credit minimum

For details, refer to the complete list of degree policies and checksheets

Course information based on 2016-17 catalog year and is subject to change