

**Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCCD)
2018-2019 Associate in Arts (AA) Degree**

Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Arts degree requires 60-64 semester credits for the program of study. The degree includes the following components:

- I. General Education:
 - Arizona General Education Curriculum for Arts (AGEC-A)
 - MCCCD Additional Requirements
- II. General Electives

The Associate in Arts (AA) degree is governed by the [MCCCD General Academic Policies for Transfer Degrees](#).

Purpose of the Degree

The Associate in Arts degree is designed for students planning 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. 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.

In most cases, courses used to satisfy the MCCCD Associate in Arts will apply to general university graduation requirements of the majors that align with the Associate in Arts degree; however, students need to be aware of any specific requirements of their intended major at the university to be sure they select courses that will meet them. Information regarding the articulation of the Associate in Arts with majors at the Arizona public universities can be accessed via the following website: www.aztransfer.com

Degree Requirements

The 60-64 semester credits required for the Associate in Arts follow. The following websites identify the courses that apply to the different General Education Core and Awareness Areas: [AGEC-A](#) and the [AGEC matrix](#). Courses available for both Areas during a current or upcoming semester can also be found using the “Find A Class” tool on each MCCCD college’s website.

	Credits
I. MCCCD General Education	35-47
AGEC-A	35-41
1. Core Areas:	35
Note that some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations and can be used to satisfy [C], [G] and/or [H] requirement(s) as well as their respective Core Area. (AGEC designations are subject to change. See AGEC matrix for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)	
a. First-Year Composition (FYC)	6
ENG101 OR ENG107 AND ENG102 OR ENG108	
b. Literacy and Critical Inquiry [L]	3
c. Mathematical Applications [MA]	3
Requires a course in college mathematics (MAT140, MAT141, MAT142) or college algebra (MAT150, MAT151, MAT152) or pre calculus (MAT187) or any other [MA] designated course for which college algebra is a pre-requisite.	
d. Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications [CS]	3
e. Humanities, Arts and Design [HU]	6
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- f. Social-Behavioral Sciences [SB] 6
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- g. Natural Sciences [SQ/SG].....8
The lecture course(s) selected for Natural Sciences must include or be accompanied by the corresponding laboratory course for a total of 4 credits each. Credits for lecture and lab components may be combined or each may carry separate credit.

At least four (4) credits must be designated as SQ. Eight (8) credits of SG will not satisfy this requirement.

- 2. Awareness Areas:0-6
Some courses may be used to satisfy both a Core Area and one or more Awareness Area(s). (See [AGEC matrix](#) for current course values.)
 - a. Cultural Diversity in the United States [C]0-3
 - b. Global Awareness [G] OR Historical Awareness [H].....0-3

- MCCCD Additional Requirements**.....0-6
As noted below, courses in this area may also be applied towards AGECE-A Core Area requirements..
 - 1. Oral Communication0-3
COM100 [SB] Introduction to Human Communication OR
COM110 [SB] Interpersonal Communication OR
COM225 [L] Public Speaking OR
COM230 [SB] Small Group Communication (3 credits) OR
COM100AA & COM100AB & COM100AC [SB] (3 credits) OR
COM110AA & COM110AB & COM110AC [SB] (3 credits)
 - 2. Critical Reading0-3
Students may demonstrate proficiency through assessment.
CRE101 [L] Critical Reading OR
equivalent as indicated by assessment

II. General Electives 13-29
Select courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 60 semester credits but no more than a total of 64 semester credits. Ideally students should select courses that meet requirements for their major/area of interest and transfer institution. See General Associate Degree Academic Policies for further details, limitations and guidelines.

Maricopa courses and external courses evaluated as Maricopa equivalents, departmental electives (e.g., HISELC for a history elective), or general electives (GENELC) that are numbered 100 level or higher, and completed with a grade of "C" or higher, may be applied in the elective area, regardless of potential transferability to other institutions. It is recommended, however, that students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution meet these general elective requirements with courses that are transferable and applicable to their intended university degree. Transfer and major guides are accessible on the following websites: aztransfer.com, maricopa.edu/transfer/partners, as well as those of individual universities. For appropriate course selection, students should consult with an advisor.

Associate in Arts Total Credits: 60-64