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

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 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 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)**

**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
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 230
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 213
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
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, 262, 295 (and except 120, 225)
INT Interior Design 115, 120, 225
LAT Latin 201, 202
MHL Music: History/Literature 140, 143, 145, 146, 153, 155, 194, 204, 241, 242, 295

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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


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 to meet Oral Communication and Social-Behavioral Science requirements.

AFR African American Studies 202

AIS American Indian Studies 101, 140, 141, 160

AJ S Administration of Justice Studies 101, 119, 200, 225, 258, 259, 270

ASB Anthropology 100, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 226, 230, 245, 252

ASM Anthropology 104/275

CCS Ethnic Relations 202

CFS Communication 112, 157, 159, 176, 205, 235, 259

COM Communication 100, 100AA&100AB&100AC, 110, 110A&110A&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

GES 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

POS Political Science Any POS course(s), including 100, 101, 110, 113, 115, 120, 125, 130, 140, 180, 210, 212, 221, 222, 273, 230, 270, 281AB, 282AA-AC, 285


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, 160, 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


ENV Environmental Sciences 101

FON Food and Nutrition 241&241L

FOR Forensic Science 105, 106, 275


GPH Physical Geography 111, 112&113, 211, 212&214, 213&215

PHS Physical Science 110, 120


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

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

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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.