

The **Associate of Arts and Associate of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies** provides students with the opportunity to explore several disciplines while completing their degree. These options will allow students to make a more informed decision regarding what major they decide to take as they move on to a 4-year college/university.

Associate of Arts and Associate of Science students who have not picked a more traditional degree program will choose three Focus Areas from the following list of options in order to provide structure to their studies while also providing them with the flexibility to explore a number of disciplines that they are interested in. A minimum of 21 credits must be completed within the three chosen Focus Areas. *Note - Courses cannot count as both a general education course and a focus area course.*

To qualify for an **Associate of Arts** degree students must complete a minimum of two (out of three total focus areas) Associate of Arts focus areas. The following focus areas are considered Associate of Arts: Anthropology, Art, Communication, Criminal Justice, Education, English, History, Languages, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, and Theatre.

To qualify for an **Associate of Science** degree students must complete a minimum of two (out of three total focus areas) Associate of Science focus areas. The following focus areas are considered Associate of Science: Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Exercise Science, Mathematics & Statistics, and Physics.

Degree Requirements

Freshman Year - Fall Semester

- ENGL 1010 - English Composition I Credits: 3
- Western Experience Credits: 1
- Quantitative Literacy Credits: 3
- Human Society and the Individual Credits: 3
- Focus Area Course Credits: 3 *Subtotal: 13*

Freshman Year - Fall Semester Notes: In addition to ENGL 1010, students may be required to also take ENGL 1011 (2 credits) due to placement, adding 2 additional credits to their graduation total. Students must complete 3 focus areas. See Focus Areas and Focus Area Courses listed below.

Freshman Year - Spring Semester

- Natural Sciences Credits: 4
- ENGL 1020 - English Composition II Credits: 3
- Oral Communication Credits: 3
- Focus Area Courses Credits: 6 *Subtotal: 16*

Freshman Year - Spring Semester Notes: ENGL 2005 or ENGL 2019 may be taken in place of ENGL 1020. See Focus Areas and Focus Area Courses listed below. Natural Sciences: students may take a course from group 1 or a course from both Natural Sciences group 2 and group 3.

Sophomore Year - Fall Semester

- Creative Expression Credits: 3
- Human Culture Credits: 3
- Critical Thinking Credits: 4
- Focus Area Courses Credits: 6 *Subtotal: 16*

Sophomore Year - Fall Semester Notes: See Focus Areas and Focus Area Courses listed below.

Sophomore Year - Spring Semester

- General Electives Credits: 3-9
- Focus Area Courses Credits: 6-12 *Subtotal: 15*

Sophomore Year - Spring Semester Notes: See Focus Areas and Focus Area Courses listed below.

Total Credit Hours: 60

Anthropology - A minimum of nine (9) Anthropology (ANTH) credits.

Art - A minimum of nine (9) Art (ART) credits.

Biology - A minimum of eight (8) credits from the following list:

- BIOL 1010/1011 - General Biology Credits: 4
- BIOL 2010/2011 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I Credits: 4
- BIOL 2015/2016 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II Credits: 4
- MOLB 2210/2211 - General Microbiology Credits: 4
- BIOL 2022/2032 - Animal Biology Credits: 4
- BIOL 2023/2024 - Plant and Fungal Biology Credits: 4

Business - A minimum of nine (9) credits from any of the following categories:

- Accounting (ACCT)
- Business Administration (BADM)
- Business (BUSN)
- Economics (ECON)
- Decision Science (DSCI)
- Finance (FIN)
- Management (MGT)
- Marketing (MKT)

Chemistry - A minimum of eight (8) credits from the following list:

- CHEM 1020/1021 - General Chemistry I Credits: 4
- CHEM 1030 - General Chemistry II Credits: 4
- CHEM 2420 - Organic Chemistry I Credits: 4
- CHEM 2440 - Organic Chemistry II Credits: 4

Communication - A minimum of nine (9) Communication (COMM) credits.

Computer Science - A minimum of seven (7) Computer Science (COSC) credits.

Criminal Justice - A minimum of nine (9) Criminal Justice (CRMJ) credits.

Education - A minimum of nine (9) credits from any of the following categories:

- Curriculum and Instruction Education (EDCI)
- Elementary Education (EDEL)
- Exceptional Child Education (EDEX)
- Foundations of Education (EDFD)
- General Education (EDUC)
- Instructional Technology (ITEC)

Engineering - A minimum of nine (9) Engineering (ES) credits.

English - A minimum of nine (9) English (ENGL) credits.

Exercise Science - A minimum of eight (8) credits from the following categories:

- Kinesiology (KIN)
- Health Education (HLED)

History - A minimum of nine (9) History (HIST) credits.

Language - A minimum of eight (8) language credits from the following categories:

- Spanish (SPAN)
 - Sign Language (ASL)
 - French (FREN)
 - Or, an approved language examination score such as CLEP.
- **All eight credits must be in a single category (e.g. 8 credits of SPAN, 8 credits of ASL, etc.)**

Mathematics & Statistics - A minimum of nine (9) credits from the following list:

- MATH 1405 - Trigonometry Credits: 3
- MATH 2200 - Calculus I Credits: 4
- MATH 2205 - Calculus II Credits: 4
- MATH 2350 - Business Calculus Credits: 4
- STAT 2050 - Fundamentals of Statistics Credits: 4
- MATH 2210 - Calculus III Credits: 4
- MATH 2250 - Elementary Linear Algebra Credits: 4
- MATH 2310 - Applied Differential Equations Credits: 3

Physics - A minimum of eight (8) Physics (PHYS) credits.

Political Science - A minimum of nine (9) Political Science (POLS) credits.

Psychology - A minimum of nine (9) Psychology (PSYC) credits.

Sociology - A minimum of nine (9) Sociology (SOC) credits.

Social Work - A minimum of nine (9) Social Work (SOWK) credits.

Theatre - A minimum of nine (9) Theatre (THEA) credits.