

Associate of Arts

Program Description

The Associate of Arts degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. This degree is designed to enable a student to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution. Students following this degree program will complete university-parallel requirements in general education that will fulfill all lower division general education requirements at the Arizona universities. The AA degree will allow students with declared majors to fulfill their lower division major requirements at Yavapai College and is also appropriate for the liberal arts major and the transfer-oriented student who is undecided about either major area of study or the transfer institution.

Thirty-five hours of coursework are concentrated in general education. At Yavapai College the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC-A) is embedded in the Associate of Arts degree. Arizona General Education (AGEC) special requirements incorporate additional university requirements in Intensive Writing/Critical Inquiry (IWR), Ethnic/Race/Gender (ERG) Awareness, and Global/International and Historical (GIH) Awareness areas*.

The core curriculum consists of three parts: (A) Foundation Studies include critical literacy, precise writing, qualitative thinking, and the process of analysis and synthesis that underlie logical reasoning; (B) Core Studies focus on the conceptual frameworks through which a thinker, a culture, or an academic discipline may approach an issue; (C) Area Studies link foundation skills in thinking and communicating and the core emphasis on conceptual frameworks to the content orientation of academic disciplines.

Three credit hours of communications coursework are required for this degree. Twenty-two credit hours of coursework in this degree are in major and elective studies (accepted prefixes listed below). Upon completion of all 35 credit hours (including the special requirements) of the AGEC with a grade of "C" or higher, the student will receive recognition of completion on their Yavapai College transcript.

Students preparing to transfer to an upper-division baccalaureate degree program should contact an academic advisor in the major field of study at the transfer institution in addition to meeting regularly with an academic advisor at Yavapai College. Regular advisement is important to build an educational plan and ensure transferability of general education, elective, and major courses. Students intending to transfer to one of the Arizona public universities can obtain specific information on transferability of courses from the course applicability system (CAS) website at www.aztransfer.com and curriculum transfer guides available from advisors. Transfer guides are also available from each university's web site.

Note: *AGEC Special Awareness Requirements Students must complete a course from each of the following areas: *Intensive Writing/Critical Inquiry (IWR)* – *Ethnic/Race/Gender (ERG) awareness* *Global/International or Historical (GIH) awareness*

Program Contacts

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Program Requirements

A minimum of 60 credit hours is required to complete the Associate of Arts Degree.

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
I. General Education (35 credits)		
A. Foundation Studies (9 credits)		
1. College Composition (6 credits)		
	ENG101 College Composition I	3
OR	ENG103 College Composition I Honors	3

	Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
	ENG102	College Composition II	3
OR	ENG104	College Composition II Honors	3
2. Numeracy (3 credits)			
	MAT142	College Mathematics	3
OR	MAT152	College Algebra	3
OR	MAT156	Math/Elementary Teachers I	3
OR	MAT157	Math/Elementary Teachers II	3
OR	MAT167	Elementary Statistics	3
OR	MAT172	Finite Mathematics	3
OR	MAT187	Precalculus	5
OR	MAT212	Survey of Calculus	3
OR	MAT220	Calculus & Analytic Geometry I	5
OR	MAT230	Calculus & Analytic Geometry II	5
OR	MAT241	Calculus III	4
OR	MAT262	Elementary Differential Equations	3
B. Core Studies (6 credits)			
1. Historical Perspective (3 credits)			
Choose from Approved List			
2. Critical Thinking (3 credits)			
Choose from Approved List			
C. Area Studies (20 credits)			
1. Physical and Biological Science (8 credits)			
Choose from Approved List - GLG100 must be taken with one other 2 credit GLG course			
2. Arts and Humanities (6 credits)			
Choose from Approved List			
3. Behavioral Science (3 credits)			
Choose from Approved List			
4. Social Science (3 credits)			
Choose from Approved List			
II. Communication Requirement (3 credits)			
	COM100	Intro Human Communication	3
OR	COM131	Fund Speech Communication	3
OR	COM134	Interpersonal Communication	3
OR	COM271	Small Group Communication	3
III. Major and Elective Studies (22 credits)			