

Associate in Applied Science Degrees (A.A.S.)

The primary intent of the Associate in Applied Science Degree is to fulfill occupational and terminal objectives. In order for a student to graduate with an AAS degree, he/she must follow a prescribed program of study (i.e., Associate Degree Nursing, Paralegal, Medical Assistant, etc.) in addition to the requirements listed below.

Area I: Written Composition I and II

3 - 6 Credit Hours

Prescribed: A course or course combination that promotes effective written and oral communication skills.

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts

3 - 6 Credit Hours

In addition to Literature, disciplines include but are not limited to: Area/Ethnic Studies, Art and Art History, Music and Music History, Philosophy, Ethics, Religious Studies, Theater and Dance.

Area III: Natural Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science

6 - 11 Credit Hours

In addition to Mathematics, disciplines in the Natural Sciences include: Astronomy, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geology, Physical Geography, Earth Science, Physics, and Physical Science.

Requirements Prescribe: A minimum of 3 hours in Mathematics required.

Students enrolled as majors in health-related disciplines (except for EMS, OTA, MLT and Nursing) for which the AAS degree is awarded must take BIO 103 as the prerequisite for BIO 201, BIO 202, and BIO 220 to assure the transfer of courses within parameters of the AGSC Minimum General Education Semester Hour Distribution Requirements or in lieu, successfully complete the validated system-wide biology placement examination.

Area IV: History, Social and Behavioral Sciences

3 - 6 Credit Hours

In addition to History, the Social and Behavioral Sciences include, but are not limited to Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

Area V: Minimum General Education Requirements*

15 - 29 Credit Hours

Area V courses are courses appropriate to the degree requirements, occupational or technical specialty requirements, core courses, and electives.

Students planning programs of study for which the AAS does not represent the terminal degree, and for which national or regional programmatic licenser and certification are required, should be encouraged to integrate the "General Studies" transfer courses whenever possible.

Maximum Program Semester Credit Hours: 76

Semester Credit Hour Range by Award: 60 - 76

Course Classification

Written Composition

ENG English 101 and 102

Humanities and Fine Arts

Humanities

HUM Humanities

IDS Interdisciplinary Studies

PHL Philosophy

REL Religion

Fine Arts

MUL Music Ensemble

MUP Music Performance

MUS Music

THR Theater

ART Art

DNC Dance Appreciation

Literature

ENG American, English, and World Literature

Natural Science and Mathematics**Natural Science**

AST Astronomy

BIO Biology

CHM Chemistry

CIS Computer Science (applies to A.A.S. degree only)

GEO Physical Geography

GLY Geology

PHS Physical Science

PHY Physics

Mathematics

MTH Mathematics

History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences**History**

HIS U.S. History or Western Civilization

Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANT Anthropology

ECO Economics

GEO Geography

ORI Orientation (applies to A.A.S. Degree only)

POL Political Science

PSY Psychology

SOC Sociology

Second Associate Degree

A student may earn a second associate degree by completing (in residence with an average grade of C or better) at least 15 semester hours of work over and above work done for the first degree, including a new major. The first degree must be based on at least 60-64 semester hours of fully accredited work. All requirements for the second degree major must be completed. Second-degree programs should be submitted to the appropriate Dean for approval in advance.

Program: [A.A.S. Program](#)