

# ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE (AGEC – A) 2008-2009 Catalog Year

The Associate in Arts degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. In general, the components of the degree meet requirements for majors in the Liberal Arts. The degree will transfer as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements. Semester credits used to satisfy the AA degree will apply to university graduation requirements of the university major for which the AA is designed.

**ALL GRADES MUST BE "C" OR HIGHER**

**60 – 64 CREDITS (Numbered 100 and above) REQUIRED FOR DEGREE**

NAME	ADVISOR/COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY MAJOR/CATALOG YEAR
SID	DATE	CODE: 8400

A. GENERAL EDUCATION AGECA CORE REQUIREMENTS* (35 Credits)	CR	GR	SEM	COMMENTS
<b>First-Year Composition</b> (6 Credits)				
FYC – ENG 101 OR 107	3			
FYC – ENG 102 OR 108	3			
<b>Literacy &amp; Critical Inquiry</b> (3 credits) (COM230 loses L at the end of Spring 09)				
L	3			
<b>Mathematical Studies</b> (6 Credits)				
MA – MAT 142 or higher (See advisor for appropriate course for major)	3			
CS	3			
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b> (6 Credits) Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline for a total of six semester credits.				
HU	3			
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<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b> (6 Credits) Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline for a total of six semester credits.				
SB	3			
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<b>Natural Science</b> (8 Credits) Two lab sciences required. Only one course may be SG.				
SQ	4			
SQ or SG	4			
<b>Cultural Diversity in the U. S. (C)</b> May be shared with core.				
0-3				
<b>Historical (H) or Global (G)</b> May be shared with core.				
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MCCCD Additional Requirements (0-6 Credits) May be shared with core.

<b>Oral Communication</b> (0-3 Credits)				<b>Critical Reading</b> (0-3 Credits)		
COM 100(SB), 110(SB), 225(L) or 230(SB) or (L)	0-3			CRE 101(L) or equivalent as indicated by assessment	0-3	

### C. GENERAL ELECTIVES TO COMPLETE 60 CREDIT MINIMUM\*

Recommend courses from common course list, Arizona Transfer Pathway Guides and/or applicable university transfer guide.

See [http://az.transfer.org/cas/students/transfer\\_guides.htm](http://az.transfer.org/cas/students/transfer_guides.htm)

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\*Students must select courses for general electives that are acceptable as an equivalent course, departmental elective credit or general elective credit at all Arizona public universities according to the CEG in effect the term the course is taken.

Some university majors may require Non-English Language Requirements.

Note: Completion of this AGECA and/or pathway and a minimum 2.0 on a 4.0 = A scale for Arizona residents and a minimum 2.5 on a 4.0 = A scale for non-residents, will exempt student from Arizona University admission requirements. Check with your advisor/Records Office concerning posting for block transfer of AGECA/Pathway to your official transcript.

Students are responsible for proper selection of courses, admission into University and Professional programs, and verifying course work applicability with transfer university.

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The semester credits used to satisfy the MCCCDC Associate in Arts will apply to university graduation requirements of the university major for which the Associate in Arts is designed. Information regarding the articulation of the Associate in Arts with majors at the Arizona public universities can be accessed via the following website: <http://az.transfer.org/cas/atass/student/modpath.html>

### **Academic Policies that Govern the Associate in Arts Degree**

- Completion of the Associate in Arts or the AGEC-A provides for exemption from Arizona public university admission requirements for Arizona residents who have a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 on a 4.0=A scale and a minimum 2.5 on a 4.0=A scale for non-residents.
- The graduation policies within the general catalog must be satisfied for completion of the Associate in Arts degree.
- A minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 100 and above to be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- The General Education Requirements for AGEC-A may be completed in 35 semester credits with the following stipulations:
  - A. Courses can satisfy a Core Area and one or two Awareness Areas simultaneously;
  - B. A course cannot be used to satisfy more than one Core Area.
- General Education Courses can satisfy multiple areas within the degree simultaneously (AGEC-A Core Area, AGEC Awareness Area, MCCCDC Additional Requirements, or lower-division courses applicable to the major).
- Effective Fall 2000, the course evaluation and/or general education designation as listed in the Arizona Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) within the Arizona Course Applicability System (AZCAS), is valid for the term in which the student is awarded credit on the transcript. A course evaluation and/or general education designation may be subject to change. Students do have the option to petition for general education evaluations and/or general education designations upon transfer.
- Courses completed at one of the Maricopa Community Colleges to meet AGEC-A requirements must be listed in the Course Equivalency Guide within the Arizona Course Applicability System as an equivalent course, departmental elective credit (XXXXDEC), or general elective credit (Elective) at all Arizona public universities. The course's evaluation and/or general education designation is valid for the term in which the student is awarded credit on the transcript. See the list titled MCCCDC Courses That Can Be used to Satisfy MCCCDC AGEC-A, AGEC-B, and/or AGEC-S for specific course information via the following website: <http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/academic/curric/>
- Courses completed at one of the Maricopa Community Colleges to meet the General Electives requirement must be listed in the Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) within the Arizona Course Applicability System (AZCAS) as an equivalent course, departmental elective credit (XXXDEC), or general elective credit (Elective) at all Arizona public universities. For appropriate course selection, students should consult with an advisor.
- Courses transferred from another regionally accredited institution to one of the Maricopa Community Colleges will be evaluated by the college for inclusion in the AGEC-A or Associate in Arts Degree.
- Courses and their modular equivalents will satisfy AGEC-A and Associate in Arts requirements.
- If a course is cross-referenced with one or more other courses, then only one of the cross-referenced courses will be accepted to meet requirements.

**Degree Requirements** The 60-64 semester credits required for the Associate in Arts follow. See the list titled [MCCCDC Courses That Can Be used to Satisfy MCCCDC AGEC-A, AGEC-B, and/or AGEC-S](http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/academic/curric/) for specific course information via the following website: <http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/academic/curric/> This list identifies the courses in alpha-order by prefix as well as the Core Areas and Awareness Areas where the course will apply. For purposes of clarifying requirements in the Mathematics and Natural Sciences areas on the list and the AGEC requirements, an A, B, and/or S character may follow the [MA], [SQ], [SG] general education designations and refers to the specific AGEC.