

The Associate of Arts Degree

An Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.) is awarded when the student has completed the core of general studies and the necessary number of elective studies required for the degree.

The student's choice of elective courses should be consistent with college transfer plans and career objectives and chosen with the assistance of an advisor.

WSCC's academic advising services help students make the best possible choices for their individual needs. With West Shore's help, the A.A. Degree can be personally tailored to fit the requirements of the four-year college or university selected.

Thus, WSCC helps students gain a promising start on their college education without paying premium tuition costs or moving away from their homes or jobs.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS: 60

Your A.A. Degree must comply with the requirements in each of the following categories:

CATEGORY I: COMMUNICATIONS

(9 CREDITS)

Goal: To read, write, listen, speak, and think competently, effectively, and critically.

REQUIRED:

CENG 111 English Composition I - 3 credits

CENG 112 English Composition II - 3 credits

CSPE 101 Principles of Speaking - 3 credits

or

CSPE 110 Interpersonal Communications - 3 credits

(consult with a counselor to determine which course is recommended for your program)

CATEGORY II: HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

(9 CREDITS)

Goal: To develop appreciation for and understanding of aesthetic and creative activities; to develop knowledge of the major areas of human expression within historical and cultural contexts.

REQUIRED:

Select one course from each category, in any order:

Category A: Fine Arts Theory, Survey, or History

CTHE 101 Introduction to Theatre and Drama

CTHE 131 History of American Musical Theatre

CTHE 161 Modern Theater

HART 101 Art Appreciation

HART 201 Art History I: Ancient and Medieval

HART 203 Art History II: Renaissance to Modern

HHUM 106 Introduction to Film

HHUM 110 Introduction to Humanities

HMUS 100 Music Appreciation

HMUS 101 Fundamentals of Music Theory

HMUS 201 Survey of Music History

Category B: Foreign Language or Literature

CFRN 101 Elementary French I

CFRN 102 Elementary French II

CFRN 201 Intermediate French I

CFRN 202 Intermediate French II

CGER 101 Elementary German I

CGER 102 Elementary German II

CLFP 151 Topics in Literature/Poetry/Fiction

CLFP 211 American Literature I

CLFP 212 American Literature II

CLFP 213 World Literature

CLFP 250 Introduction to Shakespeare

CSPN 101 Elementary Spanish I

CSPN 102 Elementary Spanish II
CSPN 201 Intermediate Spanish I
CSPN 202 Intermediate Spanish II
CTHE 101 Introduction to Theatre and Drama
CTHE 131 History of American Musical Theatre
CTHE 161 Modern Theater

(If one full year of a foreign language is completed, only one course from Category A or C is needed)

Category C: History or Philosophy

HPHL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
HPHL 101 Introduction to History of Philosophy
HPHL 102 Introduction to Ethics
HPHL 103 Introduction to Logic
HPHL 104 Bioethics
HPHL 201 Contemporary Problems in Philosophy
HPHL 202 Comparative Religion
SHST 141 History of Western Civilization to 1600
SHST 142 Western Civilization 1600 to Present
SHST 145 U.S. History to 1865
SHST 146 U.S. History 1865 to Present

CATEGORY III: SOCIAL SCIENCES

(8 CREDITS)

Goal: To understand human behavior as it relates to individual development and group interaction; to understand the major ideas and events that have shaped American society and have knowledge of other social systems as well as our own.

REQUIRED:

SPOL 151 American National Government - 3 credits

Plus one psychology or sociology course and any additional social science course except those designated as SELE or SSPS.

CATEGORY IV: MATHEMATICS/SCIENCE

(8 CREDITS)

Goal: To gather, understand, and use quantitative information in a structured way; acquire knowledge of ourselves and the natural world around us.

REQUIRED:

Two laboratory science classes plus MMTH 121 Intermediate Algebra or competence as outlined below:

1) the equivalent for MMTH 121 is one year of high school algebra and one year of high school geometry, both with a grade of C (2.0 grade points) or better, or two years of high school algebra, both with a grade of C (2.0 grade points) or better.

2) Students who have never taken algebra will be required to complete MMTH 120 as a prerequisite to MMTH 121.

CATEGORY V: ELECTIVES

(26 CREDITS)

Goal: To explore, broaden, and enhance educational and career experiences.

Elective courses will be of the students' own choosing. However, if students intend to pursue an A.A. Degree, they must be sure to consider courses that are vocationally oriented to their chosen discipline. They should meet with their advisors or counselors to determine which elective credits will transfer to the college or university of their choice.