

# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

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## Overview

The Associate of Arts (AA) is for students who plan to transfer to a bachelor's degree at a four-year college or university and desire a broad-based liberal arts education. It is designed to serve as the first two years of a bachelor's degree. The AA offers a Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences focus while also meeting the general education distribution requirements. The successful completion of the degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate professional skills and participate in activities that are necessary for success in one's career or academic discipline.
2. Recognize civic and ethical responsibilities associated with the rights and expectations as citizens in a democratic society.
3. Understand and integrate knowledge of cultural worldviews, reflect attitudes of openness and curiosity, and illustrate empathy and understanding of own and other cultures.
4. Exercise awareness of the interdependence of diversity factors including, but not limited to, culture, history, sexual orientation, psychological functioning, education, economics, environment, language, politics, age, sex, gender identity, physical challenges, class, and religion.
5. Demonstrate ability to interpret meaning in decision-making and apply information to engage in innovative problem-solving strategies.
6. Apply knowledge of communication patterns and effectively interpret, use, and adapt various contexts or presentation methods to appropriate audiences.
7. Understand and appropriately apply mathematics and scientific principles and methods.
8. Demonstrate the ability to utilize knowledge and skills to effectively incorporate technology into one's career or academic discipline.

## General Education

Students in this program complete 37-40 semester credit hours of general education transferrable courses in the following: English Composition and Oral Communication (9 credits), Arts and Humanities (9 credits), Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits), Mathematics, Statistics and Logic (3-5 credits), and Natural Sciences (7-8 credits). Students round out their program by completing an additional 12 credit hours of electives in the Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

## A Note to College Credit Plus Students

College Credit Plus (CCP) gives high school students the opportunity to enroll in college and earn college credit at no cost, while still in high school. The AA degree was designed to provide CCP students a seamless

course selection pathway from high school to an associate's degree to a bachelor's degree.

### Associate of Arts CCP Pathway

#### 14 Credit Pathway

SDE 1010 First-Year Experience (1 credit)  
 COM 1100 English Composition (3 credits)  
 TM Arts and Humanities Course (3 credits)  
 TM Social and Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)  
 TM Physical and Biological Sciences Course with Lab (4 credits)

#### 30-32 Credit Pathway (includes the above courses)

COM 2400 Composition and Literature (3 credits)  
 TM Arts and Humanities Course (3 credits)  
 TM Social and Behavioral Sciences Course (3 credits)  
 TM Physical and Biological Sciences Course with Lab (4 credits)  
 MTH Mathematics Courses (3-5 credits)

In selecting courses for this degree, all students are strongly encouraged to consult the following resources:

- the specific degree plan in the College catalog;
- their faculty advisor; and
- the four-year institution to which they intend to transfer in order to determine appropriate curriculum choices.

Students who have not yet decided on which major/degree to declare, might consider the Associate of Arts as they can enroll in general education courses until a decision is made. General education courses are required for all degree programs at the College.

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#### Structured Course Sequence (4 Semester Plan)

#### First Year

First Semester		Hours
COM 1110	English Composition	3
CPT 1250	Computer Applications in the Workplace	3
SDE 1010	First Year Experience	1
SOC 1010	Sociology	3
AA OT36 OR TAG ELECTIVE		3
1		
ANY COLLEGE LEVEL COURSE		3

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**Term Hours** **16**

#### Second Semester

MTH 1151	Quantitative Reasoning	3-4
or MTH 1260	or Statistics	
or MTH 1370	or College Algebra	
HST 1620	American History Since 1877	3
OT36 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION AND ORAL COMMUNICATION		3
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OT36 SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES		3
3,4		
AA OT36 OR TAG ELECTIVE		3
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**Term Hours** **15-16**

#### Second Year


##### First Semester

OT36 ARTS AND HUMANITIES 5, 6	3
OT36 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION AND ORAL COMMUNICATION 2	3
OT36 NATURAL SCIENCES 7, 8	4
OT36 SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES 3, 4	3
AA OT36 OR TAG ELECTIVE 1	3

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**Term Hours** **16**

**Second Semester**

COM 2820  AA Capstone Course	1
OT36 ARTS AND HUMANITIES 5, 6	3
OT36 NATURAL SCIENCES 7, 8	3-4
AA OT36 OR TAG ELECTIVE 1	3
ANY COLLEGE LEVEL COURSE	3

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**Term Hours** **13-14**

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**Total Hours** **60-62**

 Capstone Course

- 1 Student may select any Ohio Transfer 36 (OT 36) or Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) course from English Composition and Oral Communication, Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, American Sign Language, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Education, Social Work, and Spanish.
- 2 Student may select any Ohio Transfer 36 (OT 36) course from English Composition and Oral Communication.
- 3 Student may select any Ohio Transfer 36 (OT 36) course from Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- 4 Student must complete social and behavioral science courses from at least two different disciplines.
- 5 Student may select any Ohio Transfer 36 (OT 36) course from Arts and Humanities.
- 6 Student must complete arts and humanities courses from at least two different disciplines.
- 7 Student may select any Ohio Transfer 36 (OT 36) course from Natural Sciences.
- 8 One Laboratory Natural Science Course is Required.

## Concentrations

- Education
- English Writing/Literature
- History
- Sociology

## General Requirements


The Associate of Arts degree requires successful completion of a minimum of 60 semester credit hours. This includes the following:

- 37-40 general education credits distributed among English Composition and Oral Communication, Arts and Humanities, Social

and Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, and Physical and Biological Sciences,

- 12 additional credits of English Composition and Oral Communication, Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, American Sign Language, Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Education, Social Work, and/or Spanish
- 5 credits of other requirements,
- 6 credits of general course electives.

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required General Education Distribution</b>		
	English Composition and Oral Communication	9
	Arts and Humanities	9
	Social and Behavioral Sciences	9
	Mathematics	3-5
	Physical and Biological Sciences	7-8
<b>Arts and Humanities/Social Science and Biological Sciences Course Electives</b>		
	AA Transfer 36 and TAG Concentration Courses	12
<b>Other Requirements</b>		
SDE 1010	First Year Experience	1
COM 2820 	AA Capstone Course	1
CPT 1250	Information Literacy Course	3
	General Course Electives	6
<b>Total Minimum Degree Requirements</b>		<b>60-63</b>