

Associate of Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts (AA) Degree is designed to complete the lower-division (freshman and sophomore) portion of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree. The Associate in Arts Degree includes the transferable General Education Core and the lower-division major field core courses recommended by the Illinois Articulation Initiative. The Associate in Arts Degree is ideally suited for students desiring a Bachelor of Arts Degree in areas such as liberal arts and sciences, English, psychology, and many other fields.

General Education Core 37-41 semester credit hours

Communications: 3 courses (9 semester credits*)
including a two-course sequence in writing (6 semester credits)
and one course (3 semester credits) in oral communication

Mathematics: 1 to 2 courses (3 to 6 semester credits)

**Physical and
Life Sciences:** 2 courses (7 to 8 semester credits)
One course selected from the life sciences and one course from the
physical sciences and including at least one laboratory course

**Humanities and
Fine Arts:** 3 courses (9 semester credits)
At least one course selected from humanities and at least one course
from the fine arts

**Social and
Behavioral Sciences:** 3 courses (9 semester credits)
Select courses from at least two disciplines

Additional College AA Degree
Requirements 0-9 semester credit hours

Major Field & Elective Courses 10-27 semester credit hours

TOTAL 60-64 semester credit hours

Associate in Science Degree

The Associate in Science (AS) Degree is designed to complete the lower-division (freshman and sophomore) portion of a Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree. The Associate in Science Degree includes the transferable General Education Core Curriculum and the lower-division major field core courses recommended by the Illinois Articulation Initiative. The Associate in Science Degree is ideally suited for students seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, or STEM, fields of study.

General Education Core 31-35 semester credit hours

Communications: 3 courses (9 semester credits)
including a two-course sequence in writing (6 semester credits) and
one course (3 semester credits) in oral communication

Mathematics: 2 to 3 courses (6 to 9 semester credits)

**Physical and
Life Sciences:** 3 courses (10 to 11 semester credits)
One course selected from the life sciences and one course from the
physical sciences and including at least one laboratory course

**Humanities and
Fine Arts:** 2 courses (6 semester credits)
One course selected from humanities and one course from the
fine arts

**Social and
Behavioral Sciences:** 2 courses (6 semester credits)
Select courses from at least two disciplines

Additional College AS Degree
Requirements 0-9 semester credit hours

Major Field & Elective Courses 10-27 semester credit hours

TOTAL 60-64 semester credit hours