

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.)

Previous Degree Required: HS Diploma

Eligible for Financial Aid: Yes

Delivery Method(s): On-Campus, Hybrid, Online

Location(s): All campuses and online

Limited Access: No

Program Testing Requirements: Assessment in Reading, Writing, and Math

Academic Community: All Academic Communities

Program Code: GENR

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: 24.0101

Florida Department of Education CIP Code: 1192401010

General Information

The Associate in Arts degree (A.A.) is designed for students who plan to transfer as a junior to a baccalaureate degree program, either at a Florida public college or university. The Statewide Articulation Agreement, known as 2+2, states students who earn an AA degree at a state college are guaranteed admission into one of the state's 12 universities to complete a four-year baccalaureate degree.

The A.A. degree requirements consist of 60 total credit hours - 36 credit hours of general education and 24 credit hours of electives. Students should choose elective courses required for admission to their intended program of study/major at the desired college or university. The [Common Prerequisites Manual](#) lists all baccalaureate programs offered by Florida public colleges and universities, including the prerequisites for each program. Students are encouraged to discuss their intended program of study with an academic advisor at their college to ensure they are meeting all requirements to transfer upon completing their A.A. degree.

Students should also be aware of the following:

- [Academic Communities \(Meta Major\)](#)
- [Admission to the A.A. program](#)
- [Core Courses](#)
- [Civic Literacy Graduation Requirement](#)
- [College Level Communication and Math Skills](#)
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- [Preparing for Transfer](#)
- [30-Hour Advising Requirement](#)
- [Excess Hours Advisory Statement](#)

Course Requirements

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree requires 60 credits, including general education and electives. To earn the A.A., students must complete the following:

- **36 credits in general education**, with designated courses in the areas of communications, mathematics, natural sciences, humanities, and behavioral/social sciences. See list below.
- **24 credits of electives**
- **5 core courses**, one from each area of communications, mathematics, natural sciences, humanities, and behavioral/social sciences, passed with a grade of "C" or higher

- A grade of "C" or higher in all courses that meet the state's **College-Level Communication and Computation Skills** requirements
- Satisfaction of the **foreign language requirement**
- Satisfaction of the **civic literacy graduation requirement**
- An overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher

General Education Requirements

Communications (9 Credit Hours)

Students must complete all three (3) of the following with a grade of "C" or higher.

Courses designated as "Core" satisfy the FLDOE Core Course Requirement. Courses designated as "H" have an honors option.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENC 1101	Composition 1 ^{Core, H}	3
ENC 1102	Composition 2 ^H	3
SPC 2608	Fundamentals of Speech Communication ^H	3

Mathematics (6 Credit Hours)

Successfully complete a minimum of 6 credit hours from the following list, with a grade of "C" or higher. **One course must be from the Core list.**

All prerequisites must be observed. Students should select courses with a thorough understanding of the mathematics requirements for their particular upper division major at the transfer university of choice. Consult with an advisor.

Courses designated as "Core" satisfy the FLDOE Core Course Requirement. Courses designated as "H" have an honors option.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra ^{Core, H, 1}	3
MAC 1114	College Trigonometry	3
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra	3
MAC 1147	Precalculus Algebra/Trigonometry	5
MAC 1233	Essentials of Calculus	3
MAC 2311	Calculus 1 with Analytic Geometry ^{Core, H}	5
MAC 2312	Calculus 2 with Analytic Geometry ^H	5
MAC 2313	Calculus 3 with Analytic Geometry	5
MAD 2104	Discrete Mathematics	3
MAP 2302	Differential Equations	3
MAS 2103	Linear Algebra	3
MGF 1106	Topics in Mathematics	3
MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics	3
MGF 1130	Mathematical Thinking ^{Core}	3
MGF 1131	Mathematics in Context	3
STA 2023	Statistics ^{Core, H}	3

¹ MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra is a prerequisite for MAC 1105 College Algebra. MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra will satisfy elective credits only.

Natural Science/Biological & Physical (7 Credit Hours)

Follow Plan A or Plan B based on the bachelor's degree you are going to pursue after your AA. Be sure to consult with an advisor.

Courses designated as "Core" satisfy the FLDOE Core Course Requirement. Courses designated as "H" have an honors option.

Plan A

Choose 4 credit hours from Life/Biological Science and 3 credits hours from Physical Science

Life/Biological Science (4 credits)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BOTC 1010	Botany	4
BSCC 1005	Fundamentals of Biology ^{Core}	4
BSCC 1010	General Biology 1 ^{Core, H}	4
BSCC 1011	General Biology 2 ^H	4
BSCC 1084	Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BSCC 2093	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
BSCC 2094	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
MCBC 2010	Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
ZOOC 1010	Zoology	4

Physical Sciences (3 Credits)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
AST 1002	Introduction to Astronomy ^{Core, H}	3
CHM 1025	College Chemistry ¹	3
CHM 1045	General Chemistry 1 ^{Core, H, 1}	3
CHM 1046	General Chemistry 2 ^{H, 1}	3
CHM 2210	Organic Chemistry 1 ¹	3
CHM 2211	Organic Chemistry 2 ¹	3
EVR 1001	Introduction to Environmental Science ^{Core}	3
GLY 2010	Introduction to Physical Geology ^{Core}	3
MET 2010	Meteorology	3
OCE 1001	Oceanography ^{Core}	3
PHY 2048	General Physics 1 ^{Core, 1}	4
PHY 2049	General Physics 2 ¹	4
PHYC 2053	College Physics 1 ^{Core}	4
PHYC 2054	College Physics 2	4
PSC 1341	Physical Science for Today's World	3

¹ The Lab component(s) must be completed to meet this course requirement.

Plan B

Complete 8 credit hours of sequential Chemistry or Physics courses with labs. Choose from the following:

- CHM 1045 General Chemistry 1 and CHM 1046 General Chemistry 2 and labs, or
- CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry 1 and CHM 2211 Organic Chemistry 2 and labs, or

- PHY 2048 General Physics 1 and PHY 2049 General Physics 2 and labs, or
- PHYC 2053 College Physics 1 and PHYC 2054 College Physics 2.

Humanities (6 Credit Hours)

Complete one course from List 1 (**core list**) and one course from List 2, both with a grade of "C" or higher.

Courses designated as "Core" satisfy the FLDOE Core Course Requirement. Courses designated as "H" have an honors option.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
List 1		
ARH 2000	Art Appreciation ^{Core}	3
HUM 1020	Introduction to the Humanities ^{Core, H}	3
LIT 1000	Introduction to Literature ^{Core}	3
MUL 2010	Survey of Music Literature ^{Core}	3
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy ^{Core, H}	3
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation ^{Core, H}	3
List 2		
ARH 2050	Art History and Criticism Survey 1: Prehistory through Late Medieval	3
ARH 2051	Art History and Criticism Survey 2: Early Renaissance to 20th Century	3
HUM 2211	Humanities Survey: Ancient through Byzantine Culture ^H	3
HUM 2230	Humanities Survey: Byzantine through Enlightenment ^H	3
HUM 2249	Humanities Survey: Enlightenment through 21st Century ^H	3
REL 2300	World Religions ^H	3
THE 2100	History of the Theatre	3

Social/Behavioral Science (8 Credit Hours)

Students must take one course from List 1 to satisfy the Civic Literacy requirement. These courses also satisfy the FLDOE Core Course Requirement. Students must choose two courses from List 2 to satisfy the remaining social/behavioral science requirement. Courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

Courses designated as "Core" satisfy the FLDOE Core Course Requirement. Courses designated as "Civ" satisfy the Civic Literacy course requirement. Courses designated as "H" have an honors option.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
List 1		
Select one of the following:		3
AMH 2010	US History to 1877 ^{Core, Civ, H}	3
AMH 2010 must be taken at a Florida public institution in fall 2024 or later to meet civic literacy course requirement		
AMH 2020	US History Since 1877 ^{Core, Civ}	3
POS 2041	American National Government ^{Core, Civ}	3
List 2		
Select two of the following:		5
AMH 2010	US History to 1877 ^{Core, Civ, H}	3
AMH 2020	US History Since 1877 ^{Core, Civ}	3

CLP 1001	Psychology of Human Adjustment	3
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics 1 (Macroeconomics) ^{Core}	3
EUH 1000	Western Civilization to 1648	3
EUH 1001	Western Civilization Since 1648	3
POS 2041	American National Government ^{Core, Civ}	3
POS 2112	State and Local Government	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology 1 ^{Core, H}	3

- Quantitative Literacy
- Written Communication

Electives (24 Credit Hours)

The remaining 24 credit hours of the A.A. are electives. Students can use elective credits to satisfy common prerequisites needed at the intended transfer institution, or to explore areas of interest if a major has not been selected.

Most bachelor's degree programs require that students complete specific coursework prior to admission. The amount of coursework varies depending on the program. These courses are referred to as common prerequisites and are published annually in the [Common Prerequisite Manual](#). Students working toward an A.A. degree should decide upon a baccalaureate program of interest as early as possible so they can identify and complete the prerequisite courses.

Excluded from elective credits are college preparatory courses and courses designed especially for career and technical certificates and workforce training, e.g., clock hour and continuing education curricula.

It is essential that students work closely with an academic advisor to choose electives required for their intended major at the university or college bachelor's degree program. Please consult with an academic advisor. See the [Preparing for Transfer](#) page in this catalog for more information.

Foreign Language Requirement

Coursework for an Associate in Arts degree shall include demonstration of competency in a foreign language at a level at least equivalent to that of students who have completed 2 credits of sequential (same) language instruction in high school. Demonstration of foreign language competency is a graduation requirement for the Associate in Arts degree. This is pursuant to F.S. 1007.262.

Visit the [Foreign Language Competency](#) website to determine how foreign language competency may be met.

Civic Literacy Graduation Competency

Florida legislature (section 1007.25 F.S. and SBE Rule 6A-10.02413 Civic Literacy Competency) requires students pursuing the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), or bachelor's degree to demonstrate civic literacy prior to award of the degree.

See the [Civic Literacy](#) website for detailed information.

Learning Outcomes

EFSC's Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree and General Education use the program level outcomes listed below to support the Core Abilities.

- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Inquiry and Analysis
- Oral Communication
- Problem Solving