

Associate in Arts (A10100) Curriculum Standard

The Associate in Arts degree shall be granted for a planned program of study consisting of a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit (SHC) of college transfer courses. Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic computer use.

The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) and the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (ICAA) enables North Carolina community college graduates of two-year associate in arts programs who are admitted to constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and to Signatory Institutions of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities to transfer with junior status.

Community college graduates must obtain a grade of “C” or better in each course and an overall GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in order to transfer with a junior status. Courses may also transfer through bilateral agreements between institutions.

GENERAL EDUCATION (45 SHC)

The general education common course pathway includes study in the areas of English composition; humanities and fine arts; social and behavioral sciences; natural sciences and mathematics.

UNIVERSAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER COMPONENT

(All Universal General Education Transfer Component courses will transfer for equivalency credit.)

English Composition (6 SHC)

The following two English composition courses are required:

ENG	111	Writing and Inquiry	(3 SHC)
ENG	112	Writing/Research in the Disc	(3 SHC)

Communications and Humanities/Fine Arts (9 SHC)

Select three courses from the following in at least two different disciplines:

COM	120	Intro Interpersonal Com	(3 SHC)
COM	231	Public Speaking	(3 SHC)
ART	111	Art Appreciation	(3 SHC)
ART	114	Art History Survey I	(3 SHC)
ART	115	Art History Survey II	(3 SHC)
DRA	111	Theatre Appreciation	(3 SHC)
ENG	231	American Literature I	(3 SHC)
ENG	232	American Literature II	(3 SHC)
ENG	241	British Literature I	(3 SHC)
ENG	242	British Literature II	(3 SHC)
MUS	110	Music Appreciation	(3 SHC)
MUS	112	Introduction to Jazz	(3 SHC)
PHI	215	Philosophical Issues	(3 SHC)
PHI	240	Introduction to Ethics	(3 SHC)

Social/Behavioral Sciences (9 SHC)

Select three courses from the following in at least two different disciplines:

ECO	251	Prin of Microeconomics	(3 SHC)
ECO	252	Prin of Macroeconomics	(3 SHC)
HIS	111	World Civilizations I	(3 SHC)
HIS	112	World Civilizations II	(3 SHC)
HIS	131	American History I	(3 SHC)
HIS	132	American History II	(3 SHC)
POL	120	American Government	(3 SHC)
PSY	150	General Psychology	(3 SHC)
SOC	210	Introduction to Sociology	(3 SHC)

Math (3-5 SHC)*Select one course from the following:*

MAT	143	Quantitative Literacy	(3 SHC)
MAT	152	Statistical Methods I	(4 SHC)
MAT	171	Precalculus Algebra	(4 SHC)
MAT	175	Precalculus	(5 SHC)

Natural Sciences (4 SHC)*Select 4 SHC from the following course(s):*

AST	111	Descriptive Astronomy	(3 SHC)	<i>and</i>
AST	111A	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	(1 SHC)	
AST	151	General Astronomy I	(3 SHC)	<i>and</i>
AST	151A	General Astronomy I Lab	(1 SHC)	
BIO	110	Principles of Biology	(4 SHC)	
BIO	111	General Biology I	(4 SHC)	
CHM	151	General Chemistry I	(4 SHC)	
GEL	111	Geology	(4 SHC)	
PHY	110	Conceptual Physics	(3 SHC)	<i>and</i>
PHY	110A	Conceptual Physics Lab	(1 SHC)	

Additional General Education Hours (13-14 SHC)

An additional **13-14 SHC** of courses should be selected from courses classified as general education within the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Students should select these courses based on their intended major and transfer university.

Total General Education Hours Required: 45**OTHER REQUIRED HOURS (15 SHC)****Academic Transition (1 SHC)***The following course is required:*

ACA	122	Transfer & Career Success	(1 SHC)
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An additional 14 SHC of courses should be selected from courses classified as pre-major, elective or general education courses within the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Students should select these courses based on their intended major and transfer university.

****One semester hour of credit may be included in a 61 SHC associate in arts program of study. The transfer of this hour is not guaranteed.***

Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC) in Program: 60-61*

Students must meet the receiving university's foreign language and/or health and physical education requirements, if applicable, prior to or after transfer to the senior institution.