

Associate in Arts (AA) Degree:

(Effective Fall 2009)

REQUIREMENTS

The Associate in Arts Degree can be used to fulfill freshman-sophomore general education requirements in all the state universities in Minnesota and at several colleges within the University of Minnesota. The degree is the basic graduation award toward which most students will work if they intend to transfer. It emphasizes a broad general education. In order to obtain an AA degree, students must complete the following uniform requirements.

1. Successful completion of a minimum of 64 semester credits numbered 1000 or above.
2. Achieve an overall GPA of 2.00.
3. Earn at least 20 of the 64 credits at M State. (This number is reduced from 20 to 12 for students transferring within Minnesota State College and University System).
4. Complete a minimum of 40 credits of liberal education.

Students may satisfy the liberal education requirement with a variety of courses and credits. Some courses will serve more than one of the ten (10) required areas of emphasis. Fulfilling the minimum required credits of courses in each area of emphasis will not satisfy the 40 credit liberal education minimum. Some additional credits beyond the minimum requirements in Areas 1-10 are required to achieve the overall 40 credit liberal education component. Students should carefully review and tally their progress.

In order to be certified as having met all the requirements of the College's Transfer Curriculum, a student must successfully complete courses as prescribed in the following liberal education distribution areas:

AREA 1: Written and Oral Communication

9 Credit Minimum

ENGL	1101	College Writing I and
ENGL	1102	College Writing II plus one of the following speech courses
ENGL	1220	Professional & Technical Writing (2)
SPCH	1112	Small group Communication
SPCH	1114	Public Speaking
SPCH	1150	Interpersonal Communication

AREA 2: Critical Thinking

Students must complete 2 courses from any two of the following discipline areas

BIOL	1104	Biology of Human Concerns (3)
BIOL	*1107	Environmental Science Issues Lecture (3 no lab and 10)
BIOL	1108	Environmental Science Issues Lab (3, 10)
BIOL	1112	General Biology II
BIOL	*2202	Principles of Nutrition (3 no lab)
BIOL	2245	Molecular & Field Ecology (3)
CHEM	1100	Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry (3)
CHEM	1101	Principles of General Chemistry (3)
CHEM	1111	General Inorganic Chemistry I (3)
CHEM	1112	General Inorganic Chemistry II (3)
CHEM	2224	Organic Chemistry I (3)
CHEM	2225	Organic Chemistry II (3)
ECON	1150	Essentials of Economics (5)
ENGL	1201	Technical Writing
ENGL	1220	Professional and Technical Writing (1)
ENGL	2230	Environmental Literature (6, 10)
ENGL	2231	Intro to Lit: Poetry (6, 7)
ENGL	2234	Intro to Lit: Short Stories (6, 7)
ENGL	2235	Intro to Lit: Drama (6, 8)
ENGL	2236	Intro to Lit: The Novel (6, 7)
ENGL	2237	Intro to Lit: Short Prose (6, 9)
ENGL	2239	Nature Writers (6, 10)
ENGL	2304	Introduction to Literature, Native American Focus (6)
ENGL	2320	Special Topics (6)
ENGL	2322	Banned Literature (6, 7)
ENGL	2323	Horror and Supernatural Fiction (6)
ENGL	2330	Individual Authors: (Authors Vary) (6)
HUM	1101	Intro to Humanities (6)
HUM	1110	Native American Culture (6, 7)
HUM	2210	The Study of Film (6)
HUM	2236	Technology in the Humanities (6, 8)
MATH	1100	World of Mathematics (4)
MATH	1102	Finite Math (4)
MATH	1114	College Algebra (4)
MATH	1115	Functions/Trigonometry (4)
MATH	1122	Applied Calculus/Linear Algebra (4)
MATH	1134	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (4)
MATH	1135	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (4)
MATH	1207	Concepts of Applied Statistics (4)
MATH	1213	Introduction to Statistics (4)
MATH	2200	Principles of Arithmetic (4)
MATH	2231	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III (4)
MATH	2257	Linear Algebra (4)
MATH	2259	Differential Equations (4)
MUSC	1121	Basic Theory and Musicianship I (6)

MUSC	1122	Basic Theory and Musicianship II (6)
MUSC	2231	Advanced Theory and Musicianship III (6)
MUSC	2232	Advanced Theory and Musicianship IV (6)
MUSC	2281	Private Instrumental Lessons (6)
PHIL	1130	Critical Thinking
PHIL	1201	Ethics (6, 9)
PHIL	1211	Intro to Philosophy (6)
PHIL	2224	Philosophy of Religion (6)
PHIL	2230	Existentialism (6)
PHYS	1101	Physics and the Environment (3, 10)
PSCI	2220	Intro to Constitutional Theory (5,9)
PSYC	1101	Human Interaction (5)
PSYC	1107	Environmental Psychology (5, 10)
PSYC	2226	Behavior and Environmental Management (5, 10)
SOC	1111	Intro to Sociology (5, 7)

HIST	2211	American History: Colonial Period (7)
HIST	2212	American History: 19th Century (7)
HIST	2213	American History: 20th Century (7)

HIST	1110	Western Civilization Ancient-1400 (5)
HIST	1111	Western Civilization 1400s-1600s (5)
HIST	1112	Western Civilization 1600s-1800s (5)
HIST	1113	Europe: 1900s-1939 (5)
HIST	1500	European Experience (5)
HUM	1105	Religion in Humanities (6)
HUM	1120	Culture of Italy I (6)
HUM	1134	Global Perspectives for Women (6)
HUM	2230	World Cinema (6)
HUM	2236	Technology in the Humanities (2, 6)
HUM	2281	Culture of the British Isles (6)
HUM	2293	Field Experience: Europe (6)
MUSC	1116	The World of Music (6)
PSCI	2204	Comparative Government (5)
PSCI	2206	International Politics (5)
SPAN	2211	Intermediate Spanish
SPAN	2212	Intermediate Spanish II

PHIL	1201	Ethics (2, 6)
PHIL	2220	Environmental Ethics (10)
PSCI	1114	Intro to Civil Law (2, 5)
PSCI	1120	American National Government (5)
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AREA 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility

Complete one course

BIOL	1152	Food Science (3NL)
ECON	2222	Microeconomics (5)
ENGL	2237	Intro to Lit: Short Prose (2, 6)
MCOM	1131	Mass Communications

