

## 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 areas such as biology, business, criminal justice, and many other fields.

### 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