

PROPOSED REVISION - Requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree

Proposed May 2023, to be effective Autumn 2023

The College of Arts and Sciences Associate of Arts (AA) degree is available to undergraduate students who have attended or are attending the Lima, Mansfield, Marion, and Newark campuses and have met the requirements listed below. The degree is not awarded to students who have not completed at least 15 credit hours of course work on one or more of these regional campuses.

TOTAL HOURS

Candidates for the AA degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours as specified below. Remedial course work, repeat course work, and more than 8 technical hours cannot count toward this total.

Residency Requirement

Candidates for the degree must complete:

- At least 20 of the last 30 credit hours of course work at The Ohio State University;
- At least 15 of the required 60 credit hours on a regional campus;
- A minimum of three credit hours in regular course enrollment at Ohio State during Summer Quarter 1980 or thereafter.

Remedial Course Work

- Quarter courses below the 100 level; semester courses below the 1100 level; and
- English 100.01, 100.02, 109.01, 109.02, and 1109; and
- Mathematics 100, 102, and 103.

Repeated course work

Repeated courses count only once.

Technical transfer credit

A maximum of 8 credit hours of technical credit may be applied toward the degree.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

A core of 33 credit hours selected from the General Education approved course lists, distributed as outlined below (adhering to a minimum and maximum hour distribution in each area), with no overlap between areas is required. (Note: an indication of 3 hours means only one course from that area can count in the core.) Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count in the core (but up to 20 hours may count in electives). Students planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree after receiving the AA should select the General Education core courses with that baccalaureate program in mind.

Writing Skills

3-6 semester hours

One course from the approved Writing and Information Literacy (WIL) course list is **REQUIRED**.

A course that fulfills the Embedded Literacy writing requirement may count as a second course in this area.

Math/Quantitative Reasoning or Data Analysis (MQR/DA)

3-6 semester hours

One course from the approved MQR/DA course list is **REQUIRED**. (Note that Mathematics 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 1125, 1126, 1165, 1166, and 2167 may be used here in place of a course on the MQR/DA list.) A course that fulfills the Embedded Literacy data analysis requirement may count as a second course in this area.

Natural Science

4-8 semester hours

Select at least one course from the approved course list. A course with a lab/experiential component is **required**.

Social Science

3-6 semester hours

Select at least one course from the approved course list.

Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts

3 semester hours

Select one course from the approved course list.

Historical and Cultural Studies

3 semester hours

Select one course from the approved course list.

Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity

3 semester hours

Select one course from the approved course list.

Thematic Pathways

0-12 semester hours

Courses in this area are not required but can count if additional hours are needed to reach the 33 minimum for the core. Select courses from the approved course lists.

World Language

0-12 semester hours

Courses in this area are not required but can count if additional hours are needed to reach the 33 minimum for the core. (Note that world language course work is not part of the university's General Education and is a degree requirement for only a few colleges. Students who are planning to pursue a baccalaureate degree should consult with their academic advisor before enrolling in this course work.)

ELECTIVES

In addition to the General Education core, a minimum of 27 hours of further course work is required for the AA degree. This can be any course work approved by the university as degree hours.

CUMULATIVE POINT-HOUR RATIO

A cumulative point-hour ratio of at least 2.00 on all work attempted at Ohio State is required at the time of the completion of all other requirements.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEGREE

Restrictions

- The AA degree will not be awarded to anyone who has received a baccalaureate, a graduate, or a professional degree from an accredited institution.
- Application must be made within four years after the requirements have been completed, assuming no other degrees have been awarded in the interim.

Where and when to file

- Candidates for the degree must file an application with a regional campus academic advisor. Columbus campus advisors are not authorized to accept AA applications.
- Applications must be filed by the published deadline for the term in which the student intends to receive the diploma.

APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION

After the regional campus advisor screens the application for eligibility and obtains the signature of the dean and director of the campus (or a designee), the application will be forwarded to the Arts and Sciences degree certification/graduation services coordinator for final approval.