

The Associate in Arts Degree

University Transfer Program

HCC offers one associate in arts (AA) degree program, and it is designed primarily to meet the requirements for a student to transfer to the upper division level of a college or university to continue to work toward a bachelor's degree. No more than one AA degree will be awarded to students.

Students should be aware of the specific requirements for the AA degree imposed by state regulations and law. For example, general education and elective credit requirements integrate requirements established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Florida's State Board of Education Rule [6A-10.030](#) (the Gordon Rule). [Section 1007.25 \(7\), Florida Statutes](#) require that associate in arts degree requires no more than 60 credit hours. Those statutes also mandate that the general education courses required for the associates in arts degree be distributed within designated categories. Courses that comprise the 24 hours of electives may be designated for university program entry.

Meeting graduation requirements for an AA degree from a Florida community college is not synonymous with meeting the specific course requirements to enter a specific program at a state university or private college belonging to the Independent Colleges of Florida.

The HCC AA degree program prepares students for hundreds of possible transfer majors, each of which has a distinct listing of common prerequisite courses designated by the Florida State University System. To help students in their educational planning, HCC offers AA pathways that include courses that may be typically found in an associated baccalaureate degree program. These AA pathways are intended to guide students. Students are not obligated to choose the courses that are included in the pathway, nor do they graduate with a degree in their selected pathway. To ensure accuracy in selecting courses, students should consult an advisor. The following is a list of the available HCC AA pathways:

- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Anthropology
- Architecture
- Art
- Biological Sciences: General, Marine, or Aquatic
- Building Construction
- Business Administration
- Communication
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science (Engineering)
- Criminology
- Cybersecurity
- Dance
- Education/Teacher Preparation
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Exercise Science
- Finance
- Foreign Language
- Graphic Design

- Geology
- History
- Hospitality Administration Management
- Humanities
- Information Technology
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Marketing
- Mass Communications
- Math Education: Teacher Prep
- Mathematics
- Medical Science
- Music
- Pharmacy
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Supply Chain Management
- Theatre

To earn an AA degree, students must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours with no less than 36 credits of specified general education courses and 24 credits in the university transfer program electives. Legislation may further affect the graduation requirement; therefore, students are advised to obtain more current information from the advising and transfer offices.

The articulation agreement between Florida community colleges and state universities specifies that students who have been certified as having satisfactorily completed the general education requirements in a university transfer program are exempt from any additional general education requirements after transferring to a state university or community college. However, to be eligible for admission into a limited access program at a state university, students may be required to take specific prerequisite courses (which may exceed the 60 credit hours) and meet other requirements such as a minimum GPA, minimum ACT/SAT test scores or audition/portfolio.

Students may pursue any combination of university transfer programs, but only one AA degree will be awarded.

Students are advised to contact the specific department of the institution where they plan to transfer as early as possible for information regarding courses to be taken at HCC. Courses required at transfer institutions may fulfill HCC general education requirements or electives.

SLS 1106 or an approved substitute is required for all first-time-in-college-students seeking an Associate in Arts degree. Please see an advisor for more information.

General Education Requirements

General education provides a foundation upon which a student's learning experience is built. It offers students the opportunity to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to have a broad understanding of a changing world.

The HCC general education program is designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and vision

necessary to allow them to become valued participants in a complex and culturally diverse world. The program encourages intellectual inquiry, helping students to develop an understanding of the human mind and spirit, as well as a sense of history and the dynamics of the society around them. As students plan for the world that is ahead of them, the general education program gives them an appreciation of the world that preceded them, as well as a frame of reference for the world in which they live.

Students who complete the HCC general education core curriculum should be able to demonstrate their:

- ability to think critically.
- ability to express themselves clearly in written and oral communication.
- ability to express themselves effectively in quantitative terms.
- understanding of and appreciation for the value and significance of culture.
- appreciation of the scientific method of inquiry and the historical and contemporary impact of science on daily life.
- understanding of global political, social, economic, and historical perspectives.
- ability to use technology to access, retrieve, process, and communicate information.

To earn an AA degree, students must complete 36 hours of general education courses which includes state-mandated core coursework. The general education courses are divided into three groups consisting of two or more disciplines. Each discipline category includes core options and additional HCC options. Specific instructions are provided for each discipline.

Group I – Communications and Humanities: 15 credits required

Discipline: Communications (9 credits required)

Core Options

Choose course below:

ENC 1101 English Composition I.....3 cr.

NOTE: Students will earn the Fundamentals in Written Communication digital badge upon completion of this course with a grade of C or better.

Additional HCC Options

Choose both options below:

ENC 1102 English Composition II.....3 cr.

SPC 1608 Public Speaking3 cr.

Discipline: Humanities (6 credits required)

Core Options

Choose one or two courses below:

ARH 1000 Understanding Visual Art.....3 cr.

HUM 1020 Introduction to the Humanities.....3 cr.

MUL 1010 Introduction to Music.....3 cr.

PHI 1010 Introduction to Philosophy3 cr.

THE 1000 Introduction to Theatre Arts.....3 cr.

LIT 2000 Introduction to Literature3 cr.*

*LIT 2000 is a selected topics course in literature.

During any given term, sections will be offered covering a variety of literature subjects, such as the following possible topics:

American Literature to 1885

American Literature: 1885 to Present

African-American Literature

British Literature to 1800

British Literature: 1800 to Present

Latin-American Literature

World Literature to 1650

World Literature: 1650 to Present

Or other selected topics in literature.

Additional HCC Options

If only one course was selected from the core options, choose the second course from options below:

DAN 2100 Introduction to Dance3 cr.

HUM 2210 World Humanities: Prehistory to Early Modern Era3 cr.

HUM 2230 World Humanities: Early Modern to Contemporary3 cr.

HUM 2410 Asian Humanities3 cr.

HUM 2420 African Humanities3 cr.

HUM 2461 Latin-American Humanities.....3 cr.

PHI 1100 Elementary Logic3 cr.

PHI 1600 Ethics3 cr.

PHI 2635 Biomedical Ethics.....3 cr.

REL 2300 Introduction to Religion.....3 cr.

Group II – Mathematics and Natural Science: 12 credits required

Discipline: Mathematics (6 credits required)

Core Options

Choose one or two courses below:

MAC 1105 College Algebra3 cr.

MAC 1105C College Algebra with Integrated Review 3 cr.

MAC 2311 Calculus and Analytic Geometry5 cr.

MGF 1106 Topics in Mathematics3 cr.

MGF 1107 Explorations in Mathematics.....3 cr.

STA 2023 Elementary Statistics3 cr.

Additional HCC Options

If only one course was selected from the core options, choose the second course from the options below:

MAC 1106 Combined College Algebra/Pre-Calculus 5 cr.

MAC 1114 Trigonometry3 cr.

MAC 1140 Pre-Calculus Algebra3 cr.

MAC 1147 Pre-Calculus Algebra and Trigonometry 5 cr.

MAC 2233C Calculus for Business and Social Science.3 cr.

MAC 2312 Calculus and Analytic Geometry II.....5 cr.

MAC 2313 Calculus and Analytic Geometry III5 cr.

MAD 2104 Discrete Mathematics3 cr.

MAP 2302 Differential Equations3 cr.

NOTE: Any student who completes a mathematics course for which one of the general education core course options in mathematics is an immediate prerequisite should be considered to have completed the mathematics core. Additionally, all general education mathematics courses require college level reading and writing skills.

Discipline: Science (6 credits required plus at least one lab as a required elective)

Students must select at least one course in biological science and one course in physical science from the following list of courses. At least one science option must be

a core option. For the additional HCC options, students may choose from the list below, or students may select any college-level science course higher than the core course options.

The selection must include at least one lecture course with its co-requisite laboratory in biological science or physical science. The co-requisite laboratory will count outside of the 36 hour general education requirement.

Courses with an asterisk denote courses that are intended for students who plan to pursue a major in the sciences, health care, or a related field. See an advisor for specific guidance on which courses to take.

Biological Science

Students must select at least one course below in the biological sciences from the core option or from the additional HCC options. Students may choose a lecture/lab combination from the biological sciences and/or from the physical sciences, but they must choose a lecture/lab combination from at least one of these sciences.

Core Options

BSC 1005	Biological Foundations/BSC 1005L, Biological Foundations Lab.....	4 cr.
BSC 2010	Biology I Cellular Processes/BSC 2010L Biology I Cellular Processes Lab*.....	4 cr.
BSC 2085	Human Anatomy and Physiology I/BSC 2085L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab*.....	4 cr.
EVR 1001C	Introduction to Environmental Science.....	3 cr.

Additional HCC Options

BSC 1025C	Nutrition and Drugs	3 cr.
BSC 1026C	Reproductive Biology and Inheritance.....	3 cr.
BSC 1092	Human Biology /BSC 1092L, Human Biology Lab	4 cr.
BSC 2011	Biology II Biodiversity/BSC 2011L, Biology II Biodiversity Lab.....	4 cr.
BSC 2086	Human Anatomy and Physiology II/BSC 2086L, Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab.....	4 cr.
OCB 2000	Marine Biology/OCB 2000L, Marine Biology Lab *	4 cr.
PCB 1730C	Human Reproduction and Inheritance	3 cr.
ZOO 1010C	General Zoology	3 cr.

Physical Science

Students must select at least one course below in the physical sciences from the core option or from the additional HCC options. Students may choose a lecture/lab combination from the physical sciences and/or from the biological sciences, but they must choose a lecture/lab combination from at least one of these sciences.

Core Options

AST 1002C	Astronomy	3 cr.
CHM 1020C	Chemistry and Society	3 cr.
CHM 2045	General Chemistry I/CHM 2045L, General Chemistry I Lab*	4 cr.
ESC 1000	Earth Science/ESC 1000L, Earth Science Lab	4 cr.
PHY 1020C	Conceptual Physics	3 cr.

PHY 2048	Physics with Calculus I/PHY 2048L, Physics with Calculus I Lab.....	5 cr.
PHY 2053	General Physics I/PHY 2053L, General Physics I Lab*	4 cr.

Additional HCC Options

CHM 2046	General Chemistry II/CHM 2046L, General Chemistry II Lab	4 cr.
CHM 1032	Chemistry for Health Sciences/CHM 1032L, Chemistry for Health Sciences Lab* ..	4 cr.
CHM 2210	Organic Chemistry I/CHM 2210L, Organic Chemistry I Lab.....	5 cr.
CHM 2211	Organic Chemistry II/CHM 2211L, Organic Chemistry II Lab	5 cr.
CHS 2440	Chemistry for Engineers/CHS 2440L, Chemistry for Engineers Lab	4 cr.
GLY 2010	Physical Geology/GLY 2010L, Physical Geology Lab *	4 cr.
MET 2010C	Meteorology	3 cr.
OCE 2001C	Introduction to Oceanography	3 cr.
PHY 2049	Physics with Calculus II/PHY 2049L, Physics with Calculus II Lab.....	5 cr.
PHY 2054	General Physics II/PHY 2054L, General Physics II Lab.....	4 cr.
PSC 1515	Energy and the Environment/PSC 1515L, Energy and the Environment Lab.....	4 cr.

* Intended for students who plan to pursue a major in the sciences, health care, or a related field. See an advisor for specific guidelines on which courses to take.

NOTE: Any student who completes a natural science course for which one of the general education core course options in natural science is an immediate prerequisite should be considered to have completed the natural science core.

Group III – Social Science: 9 credits required

NOTE: Effective Fall 2018, students initially entering HCC must fulfill the Civics Literacy requirement (see next page).

Discipline: Behavioral Science (3 credits required)

Core Options

Choose one course from options below:

ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology	3 cr.
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3 cr.
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.

Disciplines: History/Political Science (3 credits required)

Choose one course from core history/political science options or additional HCC history/political science options below:

Core Options

AMH 2020	Modern American History	3 cr.
POS 2041	American Government	3 cr.

Additional HCC Options

AMH 2010	Early American History	3 cr.
EUH 2000	The Western World Origins to Early Modern Europe	3 cr.
EUH 2001	The Western World: Modern Europe.....	3 cr.

LAH 2020	Survey of Latin American History.....3 cr.
POS 1001	Introduction to Political Science.....3 cr.

Disciplines: Behavioral Science, History, Political Science, Economics (3 credits required)

Choose one course options below:

Core Options

AMH 2020	Modern American History.....3 cr.
ANT 2000	Introduction to Anthropology3 cr.
ECO 2013	Principles of Macroeconomics3 cr.
POS 2041	American Government3 cr.
PSY 2012	General Psychology3 cr.
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology3 cr.

Additional HCC Options

AMH 2010	Early American History3 cr.
EUH 2000	The Western World Origins to Early Modern Europe3 cr.
EUH 2001	The Western World: Modern Europe3 cr.
LAH 2020	Survey of Latin American History.....3 cr.
POS 1001	Introduction to Political Science.....3 cr.

Computer Proficiency Requirement

Computer proficiency is a core requirement of the associate in arts degree general education curriculum. Students must demonstrate computer proficiency in one of the following ways:

1. Successfully complete the approved HCC computer course, CGS 2100 (3 Credits). Successful completion requires that the student earn a grade of "C" or better in the course.
2. Provide an official transcript demonstrating successful completion of a college/university course(s) equivalent to the approved HCC course(s).
3. Pass the proficiency test administered by the college.

Students should check with the counseling/advising office on their campus for specific information about fulfilling the requirement to demonstrate computer proficiency.

Foreign Language Requirement

[Section 1007.262, Florida Statutes](#) require demonstration of foreign language competency for Associate in Arts degree-seeking students. Students must demonstrate competence in foreign languages by completing two credits in one foreign language at the secondary level or the equivalent at the postsecondary level. The equivalent at the postsecondary level is defined as completing a postsecondary course at the elementary 2 level in one foreign language or in American Sign Language.

Gordon Rule Requirements

State Board of Education [Rule 6A-10.030](#) (the Gordon Rule) is a rule stipulating requirements of student performance in both the communications and mathematics areas. Satisfactory completion of this rule requires that a student earn a grade of "C" or better in each applicable course.

Students fulfill the Gordon Rule requirement upon successful completion of the general education curricu-

lum. Within the communications area, the student is required to complete writing assignments as designated in the instructors' syllabi in the areas of English, humanities, history, natural science, physical science, behavioral science, and history/political science. Certain courses and disciplines have word-count requirements. Within the mathematics area, completion of the general education mathematics courses fulfills the requirement. Prerequisite courses must be completed, or appropriate test scores attained, before enrolling in Gordon Rule courses.

IDS 2891, CONNECTIONS

Course Requirement

IDS 2891, Connections, is an interdisciplinary course that allows students to synthesize key components of their general education experience. Based on the selected topics approach, the course summarizes major points in the bodies of knowledge that were acquired while students participated in the general education curriculum, and it provides opportunities for students to use the knowledge and skills gained from their general education experience in an applied manner. Required for graduation by students enrolled in the associate in arts degree program, the course involves research skills, the application of theoretical models, and the use of learned skills. Prior to taking the course, students must have completed at least 45 hours of coursework towards the degree, including at least 24 hours of general education coursework with a minimum grade of "C."

SLS 1106, First Year Experience Course Requirement

SLS 1106, First Year Experience is a course designed to support and guide first-time-in-college students. Prior to earning 18 college credits, students in the A.A. Degree Program must enroll in SLS 1106--a three-credit, college-level course that is fully transferable and financial aid eligible. SLS 1106 will assist those new to college by pairing faculty and academic advisors in the classroom, where they will help students develop short and long-range goals, create a career-focused college completion plan, and learn about HCC's support services. The course content emphasizes student navigation and learning engagement at the College in order to help ensure that more learners persist into their second academic years and graduate on time. Students who have taken other SLS courses or who are accepted into certain programs or AA pathways (e.g., HCC Honors Program, FUSE, AA.THE, AA.MUSIC, AA.ART, AA.GRA) may be exempt from this program requirement. Be certain to consult an academic advisor to confirm an exemption. Non-exempt, first-time-in-college students must earn a "C" or better in SLS 1106 before completing 18 credit hours.