

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN CLASS ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Welcome! The College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences offers a general associate-level degree to students. This two-year degree encompasses general education courses, a concentration of the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, and elective hours.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree allows students to: a) increase their earning potential or increase their level of responsibility within a current position; b) complete YSU's Ohio transfer module (OTM) which ensures coursework will transfer to another state institution within Ohio; c) serve as a short-term goal on their way to a baccalaureate level degree; and d) earn a degree using courses already completed.

To inquire about earning the Associate of Arts degree, please contact an advisor in the Division of Academic Advising in the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences.

Contact Information

Division of Academic Advising

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Associate of Arts (AA) Requirements:

All courses completed for the Associate of Arts general education model must be Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) approved.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
MATH 1510	College Algebra (or other OTM general education math course)	4
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
LASS 1510	Exploring Critical Questions in LASS	3

Knowledge Domains: (all General Education courses must be OTM approved courses - please consult an academic advisor regarding GER coursees)

2 Natural Sciences courses + Lab (one must include a lab)	7
2 Humanities Courses	6
2 Social Science Courses	6
GER Elective (any one additional course from the above knowledge domains)	3
Concentration Area: Students choose one of three concentration areas (see list below)	21

Courses in the concentration must have grades of "C" or better

Elective(s): Students must complete electives to total 60sh for the AA degree	min. 1
Total Semester Hours:	60

The last 20 semester hours and at least 16 s.h. of the concentration area must be completed at Youngstown State University.

Concentration Areas:

Students choose one concentration area below.

Humanities

Applicable courses include:

- literature courses in English or Foreign Language departments
- courses in philosophy and religious studies
- survey and/or appreciation courses in the Department of Art, the Department of Communication, the Department of Theatre and Dance, or the Dana School of Music
- AFST 2601 Introduction to Africana Studies 2

Social Studies

Courses must be selected from the following disciplines:

- Africana Studies (AFST 2600 Introduction to Africana Studies 1 only)
- anthropology
- economics
- human and regional geography
- history
- political science
- psychology
- sociology

Natural Sciences

Courses must be selected from the following disciplines:

- astronomy
- biology
- chemistry
- environmental science
- geology
- physics
- physical geography
- A&S/STEM 2600 (no longer offered)

Year 1

Fall		S.H.
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
MATH 1510	College Algebra	4
Natural Science GER + Lab	OTM approved	4
Arts & Humanities GER	OTM approved	3
Semester Hours		14

Spring

ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Social Science GER	OTM approved	3
Natural Science GER	OTM approved	3
Arts & Humanities GER	OTM approved	3
Concentration Course		3
Semester Hours		15

Year 2

Fall		S.H.
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
Social Science GER	OTM approved	3
Concentration Course		3
Concentration Course		3

Concentration Course	3
Semester Hours	15
Spring	
Concentration Course	3
Concentration Course	3
Concentration Course	3
GER Elective	3
GER Elective	3
Elective hours <small>additional hours may be needed to total 60sh</small>	1
Semester Hours	16
Total Semester Hours	60

Learning Outcomes

All students will:

- (1) Demonstrate effective written communication.
- (2) Develop skills to enter the work force or build upon a liberal arts foundation to succeed in upper division coursework if pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

Social Studies concentrations:

- (3) Students will demonstrate an understanding of relationships of individuals and groups in their geographical, historical, global, societal, or cultural contexts.

Humanities concentrations:

- (4) Students will demonstrate an understanding of artistic expression in multiple forms and contexts. (GER Learning Outcome 8)
- (5) Students will demonstrate an understanding of the humanistic perspective including philosophy, ethics, critical thinking, religious inquiry, and diversity.

Natural Science concentrations:

- (6) Students will demonstrate an understanding of the natural environment and the processes that shape it. (GER Learning Outcome 13)