

PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

The Associate in Arts degree is designed for students who wish to transfer to a university to earn a Bachelor of Arts (or Bachelor of Science, depending upon the university) degree in one of the following fields of study: anthropology, architecture, business administration (accounting, finance, and marketing), communication, economics, education, English language and literature, foreign languages, geography, linguistics, history, humanities, interdisciplinary studies, journalism, library science, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, social sciences, and visual and performing arts. Students who are interested in a career in dentistry, law, medicine, theology or ministry, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, or veterinary medicine are usually required or at least strongly encouraged to earn a bachelor's degree before applying to one of these graduate or professional degree programs.

The Associate in Arts degree shall be granted for a planned program of study consisting of a minimum of 60 and a maximum of 61 semester hours of college transfer courses. Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and the basic computer use. More specifically, students foster a greater understanding of reading comprehension, communication, and critical thinking as student learning outcomes.

Courses are approved for transfer through the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA). To be eligible for the transfer of credits under the CAA, A.A. graduates must obtain a grade of "C" or better in all CAA courses and an overall GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. A.A. graduates who have met these criteria will receive at least 60 semester hours of academic credit upon admission to a university. A.A. transfer students are strongly encouraged to align their course work to the Baccalaureate Degree Plan (BDP) of their intended major at their intended university. Baccalaureate Degree Plans are available at www.northcarolina.edu. Courses may also transfer through bilateral agreements between institutions. Courses offered through bilateral agreements may not transfer to all receiving universities.

Through careful selection of courses with your advisor and/or the University Studies Coordinator, this degree can be completed as an eLearning Online Degree Program. Note that the only Mathematics courses offered online are MAT-143 and MAT-152.

Associate in Arts Degree

Courses	Semester Hours
UNIVERSAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER COMPONENT (31-32 SHC)	31-32
The Universal General Education Component (UGETC) includes study in the areas of humanities, fine arts, communication, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, and English composition.	
English Composition (6 SHC)	6

Two English composition courses are required:

ENG-111 and ENG-112

Humanities/Fine Arts (9 SHC)..... 9

Select **three** courses. Those courses must be from at least **two** different disciplines areas:

Art (ART-111, 114, 115)

Communication (COM-120, 231)

Drama (DRA-111)

Literature (ENG-231, 232, 241, 242)

Music (MUS-110, 112)

Philosophy (PHI-215, 240)

Social/Behavioral Sciences (9 SHC)..... 9

Select **three** courses. Those courses must be from at least **two** different disciplines areas:

Economics (ECO-251, 252)

History (HIS-111, 112, 131, 132)

Political Science (POL-120)

Psychology (PSY-150)

Sociology (SOC-210)

Mathematics (3-4 SHC)..... 3-4

Select one course from the following: MAT-143, 152, 171

Natural Sciences (4 SHC)..... 4

Select 4 SHC from the following:

Astronomy (AST-111 & 111A)

Biology (BIO-110, 111)

Chemistry (CHM-151)

Geology (GEL-111)

Physics (PHY-110 & 110A)

ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS (13-14 SHC)*.. 13-14

An additional 13-14 SHC of courses should be selected from the list below. Those courses are classified as general education within the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Students should select these courses based on their intended major and transfer university. While most of these are not UGETC courses, UGETC courses may also be used in this category, if not used elsewhere.

ANT-210, 220, 221, 240

ASL-111, 112, 211, 212

BIO-112, 120, 130, 140 and 140A

CHM-152

CIS-110, 115

COM-110, 140

DRA-126, 211, 212

ECO-151

ENG-114, 131, 261, 262

FRE-111, 112, 211, 212

HIS-121, 122

HUM-110, 115, 120, 122, 130, 150, 160, 211, 212, 220

MAT-172, 263, 271, 272, 273

MUS-210

PHY-151, 152, 251, 252

POL-110, 210, 220

PSY-237, 239, 241, 281

REL-110, 211, 212, 221

SOC-213, 220, 225, 230, 240

SPA-111, 112, 211, 212

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED (45 SHC).... 45

Note: If students have more than 45 credits in the General Education section, the extra credits can be applied to the Other Required Hours section.

OTHER REQUIRED HOURS (15 SHC)* 15

Academic Transition (1 SHC)..... 1

The following course is required:

ACA-122 College Transfer Success

An additional 14 SHC of courses should be selected from the list below. Those courses are classified as pre-major, elective or general education courses within the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Students should select these courses based on their intended major and transfer university. UGETC courses and Additional General Education Hours courses may also be used in this category, if not used elsewhere.

ACC-120, 121

All ART Prefix Courses

BIO-155, 163, 168, 169, 175, 271, 275

BUS-110, 115, 137

CHM-130 and 130A, 251, 252

CJC-111, 113, 121, 141, 212

COM-150

CSC-134, 139, 151

CTS-115

DFT-170

All DRA Prefix Courses

EDU-131, 144, 145, 216, 221

EGR-120, 150, 220

ENG-125, 126, 273

HEA-112

HIS-151, 221, 236

HUM-170, 180, 230

MAT-285

All MUS Prefix Courses

All PED Prefix Courses

PSY-230, 231, 243, 249, 259, 263, 271, 275

SOC-234, 242

SPA-161

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT (SHC) IN PROGRAM..... 60-61

*Students must meet the receiving university's foreign language and/or health and physical education requirements, if applicable, prior to or after transfer to the senior institution.

Associate in Arts Course Sequence Example

		Course Hours Per Week		Semester Hours
First Semester (Fall)		Class	Lab	Credit
ACA-122	College Transfer Success	0	2	1
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	3
***	AST, BIO, CHM, GEL, or PHY UGETC course			4
***	Hum/FA/Com UGETC course	3	0	3
***	Soc/Beh Science UGETC course	3	0	3
***	Soc/Beh Science UGETC course	3	0	3
Credit Hours		12	2	17
Second Semester (Spring)				
ENG-112	Writing/Research in the Disc	3	0	3
MAT***	Math UGETC course			3-4
***	Hum/FA/Com UGETC course	3	0	3
***	Hum/FA/Com UGETC course	3	0	3
***	Soc/Beh Science UGETC course	3	0	3
Credit Hours		12	0	15-16
Third Semester (Fall)				
***	Additional Gen Ed courses or Other Required Hours courses			14
Credit Hours		0	0	14
Fourth Semester (Spring)				
***	Additional Gen Ed courses or Other Required Hours courses			14
Credit Hours		0	0	14
Total Required Minimum Semester Hours Credit				60

Please note: Students are strongly encouraged to complete their UGETC requirements during their first two semesters at Sandhills.

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