

University Studies

Associate of Arts Degree

64-66 credit hours

The Associate of Arts degree in University Studies is designed for students who want to experience a broad spectrum of course offerings. It includes the core curriculum that will allow a student to transfer to a four-year university to complete the final two years of a Bachelor's degree. Maximum transferability can be assured when students carefully coordinate education requirements with the four-year institution of their choice. Successful completion of the degree will be attained when the student can transfer to a four-year institution as a junior.

Upon program completion students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to use critical thinking.
- Use effective communication skills both in speaking and writing.
- Participate responsibly in the social and political environment.

Institutional and Related Requirements – 7 hours

UNIV 101 - Freshman Seminar – 3

MATH 104 - Preparatory Algebra – 4*

**Can be waived if student is taking MATH 113*

New Mexico General Education Common Core (NMGECC) – 35 or 37 hours

I. Communicating Effectively – 9 hours

Required Courses:

ENG 102 - English Composition – 3

ENG 104 - English Composition & Research – 3

COMM 101 - Interpersonal Communication – 3

or COMM 102 - Public Speaking – 3

II. Understanding and Applying Mathematical Principles – 3 or 4 hours

Recommended Courses:

MATH 113 - Liberal Arts Math – 3

MATH 119 - College Algebra – 3

STAT 213 - Statistical Methods – 4

or any MATH course listed in the NMGECC

III. Science – 8 hours

Recommended courses:

BIOL 154/L - General Biology: Subcellular through Organismic Biology/Lab – 4

BIOL 155/L - General Biology: Organismic through Supra Organismic Biology/Lab – 4

CHEM 151/L - General Chemistry I/Lab – 4

CHEM 152/L - General Chemistry II/Lab – 4

or any science with a lab listed in the NMGECC

IV. Social Science – 6 hours

Recommended Courses:

PSCI 102 - American National Government – 3

PSY 101 - Introductory Psychology – 3

SOC 101 - Introductory Sociology – 3

or any two Social Sciences from different disciplines listed in the NMGECC

V. Fine Arts and Humanities – 6 or 7 hours

a. Fine Arts – 3 hours

Recommended courses:

ART 131 - Art Appreciation – 3

MUS 113 - Music Appreciation – 3

THTR 121 - Beginning Acting – 3

or any Fine Arts course listed in the NMGECC

b. Humanities – 3 or 4 hours

Recommended Courses:

HIST 101 - Survey of American History to 1877 – 3

HIST 102 - Survey of American History since 1877 – 3

HIST 121 - Survey of Western Civilization to 1500 – 3

HIST 122 - Survey of Western Civilization since 1500 – 3

SPAN 101 - Beginning Spanish – 4

or any Humanities course listed in the NMGECC

Plus an additional course:

Choose an additional Social Science (IV), Humanities or Fine Arts (V) course from the NMGECC – 3 hours

Electives – 22 hours

Electives must have at least 15 hours in one area of concentration