

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Associate of Arts Degree

62-67 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 Requirement – 7 hours

UNIV 101 - Freshman Seminar – 3

MATH 104 - Preparatory Algebra – 4*

Note: If instructional/related requirements are waived, additional elective courses will be needed to meet the minimum hours required for the degree.

New Mexico General Education Common Core (NMGECC) – 35 - 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 – 4

MATH 119 - College Algebra – 4

STAT 213 - Statistical Methods – 4

or any MATH course listed in the NMGECC

- III. Science – 8 hours Recommended courses:

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

BIOL 155/L - General Biology II: 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 – 3 hours:

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

Concentration requirements – 15 hours Concentrations:

Business

ACCT, BUS, ECON, FIN, HRTM, IS, MGT from at least two different areas.

Early Childhood Education

ECE, FCS, EDF

Education

BLED, ECE, EDF, ELED, RED, SED, SPED from at least two different areas.

English

ENG

General Science

BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, PHYS

Humanities

ENG, FR, GER, HEB, HIST, HUM, PHIL, REL, SPAN from at least two different areas.

Information Systems

IS

Social Science

ANTH, CJ, ECON, PSCI, PSY, SOC from at least two different areas.

Electives – 9 hours