

Associate in Arts in Social Science

Program Overview

Upon completion of this degree, students will have experienced a broad introduction to the social sciences. In coordination with the general education components, students will be able to communicate effectively in a variety of situations in the field, demonstrate knowledge of and apply concepts and theories to real world situations, and gather and analyze data within their own research.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students, working closely with their advisor, are permitted to substitute the courses in the General Education and MTA Courses section below according to the guidelines on page 35 of this catalog. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship/practicum, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of C or better.

Course Offerings

Students pursuing an Associate in Arts in Social Science may complete select courses for this program online. Courses within this program may also be offered on-site at our Dowagiac or Niles campus.

General Education and MTA Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 150	Statistics	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BISC 111	Biological Science	4 credits
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
ART 110 or MUSI 110	Art Appreciation or Music Appreciation	3 credits
PHIL 201	Intro to World Religion	3 credits

Major-Specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
PHED 103	Life Wellness	3 credits
SPEE 102 or SPEE 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Intro to Human Communication	3 credits

Complete 24 credits from the list below

Course ID	Course	Credits
ECON 201	Macroeconomics	3 credits
ECON 202	Microeconomics	3 credits
HIST 101	Western Civilization 1	4 credits
HIST 102	Western Civilization 2	4 credits
HIST 201	United States History 1	3 credits
HIST 202	United States History 2	3 credits
HIST 247	American Slavery	3 credits
HIST 248	Native American History	3 credits
HUMA 210	Intro to Non-Western Civilization	4 credits
PHIL 101	Intro to Philosophical Thought	3 credits
POSC 201	American Government	3 credits
SOCI 202	Social Problems	3 credits
SOCI 203	Marriage and Family	3 credits
SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3 credits
SOCI 248	American Indian Studies and Policy	3 credits
SOWK 100	Introduction to Social Work	3 credits

Total Program Credits: 61

Additional Notes About the A.A. in Social Science Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites is listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined meets MTA requirements.
- Students should consult with their advisor to ensure that they are making the right choices with program electives that will lead to their desired academic goal.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before they plan to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: English test score (Level 2 or higher) ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or English test score (Level 3); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	Math test score (Level 3 or higher) or concurrent enrollment in MATH 150C
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
BISC 111 Biological Science	4 credits	None
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
ART 110 Art Appreciation or MUSI 110 Music Appreciation	3 credits	See Course Description for details
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
PHED 103 Life Wellness	3 credits	None
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
SPEE 102 Fundamentals of Public Speaking or SPEE 104 Intro to Human Communication	3 credits	See Course Description for details
PHIL 201 Intro to World Religion	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details
Program Elective	3 to 4 credits	See Course Description for details
Program Elective	3 credits	See Course Description for details