

General Education (Religious Studies)

Associate of Arts (A.A.)

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree is designed to allow students the opportunity to obtain the first two years of college credits toward meeting most of the General Education requirements and some of the prerequisite requirements of a four-year baccalaureate degree. Students planning to transfer should carefully follow the transfer program plan for the four-year institution to which they plan to transfer.

Program Goals

1. The program will provide students the opportunity to expand knowledge of morality and ethics.
2. The program will provide students the opportunity to develop skills to communicate effectively.
3. The program will provide an opportunity for students to become knowledgeable and proficient in the use of information technology.
4. The program will provide opportunities for students to acquire the necessary skills to think critically.
5. The program will provide the opportunity for students to develop mathematical skills

Program Outcomes

1. **Applied Ethics** - The applied ethics outcome involves two major components: (1) understanding principles of normative and non-normative ethical theories; and (2) applying these principles in decision-making activities including case studies and contemporary issues. Most character is explored in all its dimensions: virtues and vices, commitments and attitudes, personal relationships, and community involvement, in addition to right and wrong conduct.
2. **Communication** - This outcome will enhance students' written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills.
 - a) *Written Communication* is the development and expression of ideas in writing.
 - b) *Oral Communication* is prepared, purposeful presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors.
 - c) *Interpersonal Communication* is the process by which information, feelings, and meaning through verbal and non-verbal messages: it is face-to-face communication.
3. **Information Technology** - Information technology outcome is defined as the level of computer, electronics, and telecommunications literacy necessary to understand the purpose of information technology. Students will discover how information technology assists individuals and organizations to work more efficiently, and how information technology influences society. In addition to learning the technical fundamentals of computer use, students will build a skill and knowledge base in researching information, making appropriate ethical choices about the use of informational technology, and using technology to advance societal goals.



DEGREE PLAN
2020-2021

Developmental Coursework

Course Number	Course Title
ENGL0121	Composition I Lab
MATH0121	College Algebra Lab

Semester I (16 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
¹ ENGL1113	ENGL1013	Composition I [P1]
¹ MIS1003	CPSI1003	Introduction to Computers
² BBL1013	N/A	Old Testament Survey
GSTD1021	N/A	Student Success I
MATH1023	MATH1103	College Algebra [P1]
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
HIST2013	HIST2113	U.S. History I [P2]
HIST2023	HIST2123	U.S. History II [P2]
PSCI2003	PLSC2003	American Government National [P2]

Semester II (14 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
² BBL1023	N/A	New Testament Survey
¹ BSCI1013/BSCI1011	BIOL1004	The Biological Sciences w/Lab [P2]
¹ ENGL1123	ENGL1023	Composition II [P3]
GSTD1031	N/A	Student Success II
<i>Choose three (3) hours from these courses:</i>		
¹ ART2013	ARTA1003	Art Appreciation
¹ MUS2013	MUSC1003	Music Appreciation
THEA2003	DRAM1003	Theatre Appreciation

Semester III (16 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
² BBL2003	N/A	Survey of Comparative Religions
² PHIL2403	PHIL1103	Introduction to Philosophy
¹ SPCH1113	SPCH1003	Principles of Speech [P2]
GSTD1041	N/A	Student Success III
<i>Choose three (3) hours from these courses:</i>		
ENGL2213	ENGL2113	World Literature I [P4]
ENGL2223	ENGL2123	World Literature II [P4]
ENGL2313	ENGL2653	American Literature I [P4]
ENGL2323	ENGL2653	American Literature II [P4]
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
PSYC2003	PSYC1103	General Psychology
SOC2003	SOCI1013	Introduction to Sociology

Semester IV (14 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
PHSC2023/2021	PHSC1004	The Physical Sciences w/Lab [P5]
_____3	See below	Directed Elective
_____3	See below	Directed Elective
HKR, HS, PE	N/A	PE Elective (1 hour)
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
HIST1003	HIST1113	World History I [P2]
HIST1013	HIST1123	World History II [P2]

Total Credit Hours: 60

¹Indicates Certificate of General Studies (31 hours).

²Indicates Certificate of Proficiency in Religious Studies (12 hours).

4. **Critical Thinking** - Critical thinking outcome is defined as a set of skills and strategies for making reasonable decisions about what we do and believe. These skills and strategies include understanding the use of thought and language, recognizing the most common logical fallacies, and using the essential skills of deductive and inductive argument analysis and evaluation. Students must demonstrate practical applications of critical thinking in academic disciplines.

5. **Mathematical Reasoning** - Mathematical outcome enables students to efficiently process data and to learn new material in fields inside and outside of mathematics. Students will develop a knowledge base that allows logical reasoning and valid problem-solving techniques that can be applied in the student's personal and professional careers.

PREREQUISITES

P1	Refer to the SAU Tech Placement Plan.
P2	Eligible for ENGL1113-Composition I.
P3	ENGL1113-Composition I.
P4	Complete ENGL1113 AND ENGL1123 with "C" or better OR ENGL2203.
P5	ACT Math score of 12 or higher or comparable placement score on other exam OR College Algebra.

DIRECTED ELECTIVES (6 hours)

Select courses, not already taken, from the following areas to fulfill requirements:

<i>Prefix</i>	<i>Elective Credit</i>
ART, BI, BIOL, BSCI, CH, ENGL, GEOG, HIST, MUS, PHIL, PHSC, PSCI, PSYC, SOC, THEA	All courses with these prefixes are applicable.
CJ	CJ1003-Introduction to Criminal Justice only.
ECON	ECON2103-Principles of Microeconomics and ECON2003-Principles of Macroeconomics only.

General Information

- Developmental coursework may be required in addition to the courses required for this degree and/or certificate(s).
- A [P] indicates that a prerequisite is required before the course can be taken. Refer to the prerequisites table listed below the degree plan or the course description in the College Catalog to determine the prerequisite.

General Requirements

- This degree requires successful completion of 60 credit hours.
- All degree-seeking students are required to take Student Success.
- A minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average is required for graduation.
- Satisfaction of all financial obligations due to the college is required for graduation.

Residency Requirement

The student is required to complete a minimum of 15 semester hours in residence at SAU Tech for associate degrees and technical certificates and half of the credit hours required for certificates of proficiency as well as complete all other graduation requirements. Students who wish to pursue additional degrees must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of difference between the degrees.

ACTS Course Numbers

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. Students are guaranteed the transfer of applicable credits and equitable treatment in the application of credits for admissions and degree requirements. Go to <http://acts.adhe.edu> for more information.