

General Education

Associate of Arts (A.A.)

Transfer Options:

- Arkansas State University
 - BA Communication Studies
 - BA Criminology
 - BA English
 - BA History
 - BA Political Science
 - BA Sociology
 - BA Psychology
 - BS Strategic Communication
- John Brown University
 - BS Liberal Arts
 - BS Psychology
- University of Arkansas-Fort Smith
 - BS Organizational Leadership
- Other four-year universities
 - Check with your advisor.

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. This degree is also available fully online.

Program Goals

The program will provide students the opportunity to expand knowledge of morality and ethics.

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

Program Outcomes

1. Applied Ethics
 - a. Define the nature and scope of morality and ethics.
 - b. Examine the historical perspective on the development of morality and ethics.
 - c. Compare and contrast different theories of ethics.
 - d. Apply critical thinking skills in analyzing ethical systems and issues.
 - e. Evaluate contemporary issues using a variety of ethical perspectives.
 - f. Examine, through personal reflection, one's own response to ethical issues.
 - g. Demonstrate competency in cultural, social and civic awareness.
2. Communication
 - a. Written Communication
 1. Demonstrate communication methods that are appropriate for different occasions, audiences, and purposes.
 2. Apply the conventions of standard written English with proficiency.
 3. Assemble scholarly information from electronic and non-electronic sources, including the library, for use in academic research projects.
 4. Analyze information gathered from various sources.
 5. Demonstrate ethical use of information in academic writing and research assignments.
 6. Compose written assignments using the specified style of documentation.



DEGREE PLAN
2019-2020

Developmental Coursework

Course Number	Course Title
CO0143	Introduction to Language Arts
CO0243	Writing Workshop
MATH0133	Transitional Math 1
MATH0233	Transitional Math 2

Semester I (16 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
¹ ENGL1113	ENGL1013	Composition I [P1]
¹ MIS1003	CPSI1003	Introduction to Computers
¹ SPCH1113	SPCH1003	Principles of Speech [P2]
GSTD1021	N/A	Student Success I
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
HIST2013	HIST2113	U.S. History I [P2]
HIST202	HIST2123	U.S. History II [P2]
PSCI20033	PLSC2003	American Government: National [P2]
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
MATH1023	MATH1103	College Algebra [P1]
MATH1525	MATH2405	Calculus & Analytic Geometry I [P1]

Semester II (14 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
¹ BSCI1013/1011	BIOL1004	The Biological Sciences w/Lab [P2]
¹ ENGL1123	ENGL1023	Composition II [P3]
GSTD1031	N/A	Student Success II
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
PSYC2003	PSYC1103	General Psychology
SOC2003	SOC11013	Introduction to Sociology
GEOG2003	GEOG1103	Introduction to Geography
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
ART2013	ARTA1003	Art Appreciation
MUS2013	MUSC1003	Music Appreciation
PHIL2403	PHIL1103	Introduction to Philosophy

Semester III (16 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
GSTD1041	N/A	Student Success III
_____ 3	See Below	Directed Elective
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¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
ENGL2213	ENGL2113	World Literature I [P4]
ENGL2223	ENGL2123	World Literature II [P4]
¹ Choose three (3) hours from these courses:		
HIST1003	HIST1113	World History I
HIST1013	HIST1123	World History II

Semester IV (14 hours)

Course Number	ACTS#	Course Title
_____ 3	N/A	Free Elective
_____ 3	See Below	Directed Elective
_____ 3	See Below	Directed Elective
_____ 1	N/A	PE Elective
¹ Choose four (4) hours these courses:		
PHSC2023/2021	PHSC1004	Physical Sciences w/Lab [P5]
PHYS2003/2001	PHYS2014	College Physics w/Lab [P6]

¹Indicates **Certificate of General Studies (31 hours)**.

- b. Oral Communication
 1. Apply oral communication skills to achieve a variety of purposes (to inform, to persuade, to present speeches).
 2. Demonstrate competency in the use of technology and visual aids in presentations.
 3. Demonstrate competency in verbal and non-verbal aspects of delivery.
 4. Exhibit ethical use of credible information in oral presentations.
 5. Employ a variety of strategies to organize and present information in order to adapt the message to a specific audience and occasion, and to achieve a desired purpose.
 6. Apply active listening skills.
- c. Interpersonal Communication
 1. Apply the principles of effective interpersonal communication.
 2. Demonstrate competency in the use of technology and visual aids in presentations.
 3. Examine the influence of gender, culture, perception, behavior, and values on interpersonal communications.
 4. Compare and contrast supportive and defensive communication methods.
 5. Employ a variety of strategies to organize and present information in order to adapt the message to a specific audience and occasion, and to achieve a desired purpose
3. Information Technology
 - a. Describe the basics of information technology, from hardware and software to future devices, social web, and trends in the digital age.
 - b. Analyze ethical issues involving information technology.
 - c. Demonstrate the use of information technology as a problem solving and productivity tool.
 - d. Utilize the library and computer resources to locate reliable and relevant information for ethical use in research projects.
4. Critical Thinking
 - a. Define the concepts of critical thinking, logic, and argument.
 - b. Assess the function of clarity in arguments.
 - c. Compare and contrast the purposes of language in persuasive statements.
 - d. Evaluate different types of inductive and deductive arguments.
 - e. Distinguish fallacies from good arguments.
 - f. Apply critical reasoning concepts in order to evaluate issues of contemporary importance.
5. Mathematical Reasoning
 - a. Demonstrate knowledge of mathematical concepts, including algebraic concepts.
 - b. Demonstrate reasoning skills to analyze situations and draw valid conclusions.
 - c. Analyze mathematical data.
 - d. Identify mathematical connections to other disciplines.

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 and/or the course description in the College Catalog to determine the prerequisite.

PREREQUISITES

P1	Refer to the SAU Tech Placement Plan.
P2	Eligible for ENGL1113-Composition I.
P3	ENGL1113-Composition I.
P4	ENGL1123-Composition II.
P5	Placement score equal to or greater than requirement for MATH0133-Transitional Math 1.
P6	Math1023-College Algebra and eligible for ENGL1113-Composition I.

INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS (7 HOURS)

Course Number	Course Title
GSTD1021	Student Success I
GSTD1031	Student Success II
GSTD1041	Student Success III
MIS1003	Introduction to Computers
HKR, HS, PE	PE Elective

DIRECTED ELECTIVES (15 HOURS)

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

Prefix	Elective Credit
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.

APPROVED COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS

Course(s)	Approved Substitution(s)
BSCI1013 and BSCI1011	Botany and Lab or Zoology and Lab
PHSC2023 and PHSC2021	General Physics I and Lab or General Physics II and Lab or Physical Geology and Lab

FREE ELECTIVE (3 HOURS)

Choose course from any discipline.

General Requirements

- This degree requires successful completion of 60 credit hours.
- ¹Indicates requirements for Certificate of General Studies.
- 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.

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.