Associate in Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts (AA) degree provides a framework for understanding the disciplines and skills of a liberal arts degree, a foundation for further study at the bachelor's degree level, and an initial academic credential required for career advancement. Admission requirements for the Associate in Arts degree include a high school diploma or its equivalent; at least 6 units of transferable college-level course work with a minimum grade point average of 2.7 taken at another accredited institution; or at least 6 units of course work taken at University College with a minimum grade point average of 2.7.

University College offers the Associate in Arts degree with concentrations in:

- Anthropology
- Clinical Research Management
- Communications
- Economics
- English
- Global Leadership and Management
- Health Care
- History
- Humanities
- Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- International Studies
- Journalism

For more information about Associate in Arts degree requirements and policies:

Phone: 314-935-6700
Website: http://ucollege.wustl.edu/programs/undergraduate/associate-arts

Degree Requirements

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To receive an Associate in Arts degree from University College, students must be admitted to degree candidacy, complete a minimum of 60 units of college-level work with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher in all courses taken, and satisfy specific writing, course distribution, concentration, and residency requirements. Additionally, students must complete an 18-unit concentration with grades of C- or better in all courses. At least half the units for the concentration must be completed at Washington University. No more than 24 units may be transferred to the degree. The final 36 units of the degree program must be completed at Washington University. The courses completed for the Associate in Arts degree count toward all Bachelor of Science degree programs in University College.

General Education Requirements

Basic Requirements:

EComp 101 Principles of Writing*
EComp 203 Critical and Researched Writing*
One 3-unit course in oral presentation*

One 3-unit course in numerical applications with a minimum grade of C- which may be applied to the Mathematics distribution requirements as noted in this section.**

One 3-unit course in moral reasoning, which may be applied to the Social Sciences or Humanities distribution requirements noted in this section.**

One 3-unit course in non-Western culture, which may be applied to the Social Sciences or Humanities distribution requirements as noted below. Courses that satisfy the non-Western culture requirement focus on the study of cultures in societies outside of English-speaking North America and Western Europe, including Africa, East Asia, South Asia, Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East, and encourage students to explore issues of human diversity within such cultures.**

Additional Basic Requirements for Associate in Arts with Concentration in Business and Communication Studies:

- Microeconomics or Macroeconomics
- One course in applied mathematics or statistics
- One course in information technology

Additional Basic Requirements for Associate in Arts with Concentration in Global Leadership and Management:

- Microeconomics or Macroeconomics
- Economic Statistics
- Technology for Managers

*Students who receive a grade of C- or lower in EComp 101 Principles of Writing taken at University College must repeat the course. Students who receive a grade of C- or lower in EComp 203 Critical and Researched Writing taken at University College must, in consultation with the Department of English and University College, choose between two options to satisfy the requirement: 1) repeat the course; or 2) complete a 3-unit composition tutorial with a grade of C or higher. Transfer credit for EComp 101 Principles of Writing may be granted for a grade of B or higher. EComp 203 Critical and Researched Writing is required of all undergraduate degree candidates, and this course must be taken at Washington University. Students may still receive transfer credit for a second-level basic writing course; however, that will count as elective credit and they still will be required to take EComp 203 Critical and Researched Writing. A student who transfers English composition courses from another college or university must consult an academic
adviser at University College, who will provide options for completing requirements.

**Visit the University College website (http://ucollege.wustl.edu) for additional details about basic requirements. A single course can count toward any two of the following categories: 1) concentration; 2) basic requirements for oral presentation, numerical applications, moral reasoning, and non-Western culture; 3) distribution requirements.**

**Distribution Requirements:** 18 units (6 units in each area noted below). A maximum of 3 units from one discipline may apply toward any distribution area.

- Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Humanities