

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. The degree is awarded to students who successfully complete the equivalent of two years of undergraduate study.

The courses completed for the degree count toward all Bachelor of Science degree programs at the School of Continuing & Professional Studies. Students preparing for a career in nursing are encouraged to meet with an advisor to select courses that meet admission requirements for Bachelor of Science nursing degree programs.

The School of Continuing & Professional Studies offers the Associate in Arts degree with concentrations in the following areas:

- **Natural Sciences and Mathematics:** Mathematics; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences; and others with authorization
- **Social Sciences** (online option available): Anthropology; Economics; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and others with authorization
- **Humanities** (online option available): Classics; History; Literature; Philosophy; Religious Studies; Art History; and others with authorization
- **Professional Studies** (online option available): Business; Communications; Journalism; Health Care; Clinical Research Management; Sustainability; and others with authorization

Fully Online Option

At the School of Continuing & Professional Studies, we understand adult students may need more flexibility to work around busy schedules. Available 100% online or in-person, our Associate in Arts degree was designed to be a flexible option for busy professionals.

Students who decide to complete the Associate in Arts program online will select a concentration in Social Sciences, Humanities, or Professional Studies. Courses are selected from multiple departments within those areas rather than in a single department. Students interested in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics concentration will need to take some courses on campus.

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

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

Degree Requirements Associate in Arts Degree

To receive an Associate in Arts degree from the School of Continuing & Professional Studies, 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 and residency requirements. In addition, students must complete a 15-unit concentration with grades of C- or better in all courses. 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 the School of Continuing & Professional Studies.

General Education Requirements*

Basic Requirements: 15 units

Code	Title	Units
EComp 111	Analytical Writing	3
EComp 203	Critical and Researched Writing	3
One course in cultural diversity		3
One course in moral reasoning		3
One course in numerical applications		3
Total Units		15

Distribution Requirements: 18 units

Students must complete 6 units in each distribution area noted below. Each distribution area must include course work from at least two disciplines. (Courses that satisfy the numerical applications, moral reasoning and cultural diversity Basic Requirements may also count toward the Distribution Requirements.)

- Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Humanities

Concentration Requirements: 15 units

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Electives: 12 units

* These requirements are effective as of fall 2023. Students admitted to School of Continuing & Professional Studies programs prior to fall 2023 are expected to fulfill the requirements in place at the time of their admission.

Additional Information

Visit the School of Continuing & Professional Studies website (<http://caps.wustl.edu>) for additional details about requirements.