

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 University College. Students preparing for a career in nursing are encouraged to meet with an adviser to select courses that meet admission requirements for Bachelor of Science nursing degree programs.

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

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

Fully Online Option

Adult students may require more flexibility to work around their schedules. University College offers the Associate in Arts degree 100% online, fully in-person, or through a combination of both formats to provide options 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. Students interested in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics concentrations 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://ucollege.wustl.edu/programs/undergraduate/associate-arts>

Degree Requirements Associate in Arts Degree

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 and residency requirements. In addition, students must complete an 18-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 University College.

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

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: 18 units

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Electives: 9 units

- * These requirements are effective as of Spring 2019. Students admitted to University College programs prior to Spring 2019 are expected to fulfill the requirements in place at the time of their admission.

Additional Information

Visit the University College website (<http://ucollege.wustl.edu>) for additional details about requirements.