

ARTS - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

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Since approximately half of the requirements for the Associate of Arts are met with elective courses, it is recommended that students plan these electives to meet other requirements for their bachelor's degree, such as the second language requirement or specific requirements within the major.

A grade of C- or better is required in each course that fulfills the General Education Requirements.

Total Credits Required for Degree: 60

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1130G or COMM 1115G	Public Speaking Introduction to Communication	3
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
Select one course from Area II: Mathematics ^{1, 2, 3}		3-4
<i>Areas III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		10-11
Select one course from Area III: Laboratory Science (4 credits) ¹		
Select one course from Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 credits) ¹		
Select one course from either Area III or Area IV. (3-4 credits) ¹		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
Select one course from Area V: Humanities ¹		3
<i>Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts</i>		
Select one course from Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts ¹		3
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
Select one course from any General Education area. ¹		3-4
Program Requirements		
FYEX 1110	First-year Seminar	3
BCIS 1110	Introduction to Information Systems	3
Electives to bring total credits to 60. ⁵		21-25
<i>Recommended Second Language Elective</i>		
Select any 1110-1120 Second Language sequence offered at NMSU campuses. ⁴		
Total Credits		60

¹ See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.

² Student's subsequent transfer degree major should guide the selection of the math course.

³ A Mathematics course is required for the degree but students may need to take prerequisites first.

⁴ See your advisor for exact number of second language credits your selected major may require. Almost all College of Arts and Sciences majors required at least two semesters of a language; some require four semesters. New Mexico State University recommends that students take their language requirements as soon as possible and in sequence. For detailed language requirements, see your advisor or the College of Arts and Sciences (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/>) section of the NMSU catalog.

⁵ Elective credit may vary based on General Education course selection, second language requirements, prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, double majors and/or minor coursework. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 60 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis and students should discuss elective requirements with their advisor.

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A Suggested Plan of Study - Arts

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

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First Year

Fall		Credits
FYEX 1110	First-year Seminar	3
BCIS 1110	Introduction to Information Systems	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
Elective, Second Language Recommended ^{2,3}		3-4
Credits		13

Spring

COMM 1130G or COMM 1115G	Public Speaking or Introduction to Communication	3
Area II: Mathematics Course ¹		3
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science Course ¹		3
Area V: Humanities Course		3
Elective, Second Language Recommended ^{2,3}		3-4
Credits		15

Second Year

Fall		Credits
ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
Area III: Laboratory Science Course ¹		4
Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts Course ¹		3
Elective ³		3
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Credits		16

Spring

General Education Elective (choose from any area) ¹		3-4
Either an Area III: Laboratory Science or Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences Course ¹		3-4
Elective ³		3

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Elective ³	3
Credits	16
Total Credits	60

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