

# ARTS - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

The Associate of Arts in Arts serves as a solid foundation for those who wish to pursue further studies in the arts or related fields. Graduates may transfer to four-year institutions to pursue a bachelor's degree in fine arts, art history, or other related disciplines. Students should take courses at this level that fit into the bachelor's degree program of their interest. Alternatively, the program equips students with creative and critical skills that are valuable in various professional settings, including roles in education, arts administration, and cultural organizations.

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree represents the completion of the first two years of several bachelor's degree programs. Students following the Associate of Arts degree program are advised to select courses that fulfill the New Mexico Higher Education Department Common Core Requirements for all programs at NMSU and that transfer to other four-year institutions. General Education courses are designated with "G" following the prefix. Since approximately half of the requirements for an A.A. degree are met with elective credit, it is recommended that students plan these electives to meet other requirements for their planned baccalaureate degree. Undecided students are encouraged to follow this degree program because it is flexible and will help structure their coursework.

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.

The New Mexico General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/grants/general-education/>) course list can be found here.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>General Education</b>		
<i>Area I: Communication</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 MATH 1000-2000G course from the New Mexico General Education list. The following courses are recommended <sup>1,2</sup>		
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
<i>Area III: Laboratory Science</i>		
Select one 4 credit course from the New Mexico General Education list for Area III; see link above. <sup>2</sup>		
<i>Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
Select two 3 credit course from the New Mexico General Education list for Area VI; see link above. The following courses are recommended.		
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	6
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	

<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		3
Select any 3 credit course listed in the New Mexico General Education link; The following courses are recommended <sup>2</sup>		
HIST 1110G	United States History I	
HIST 1120G	United States History II	
HIST 1130G	World History I	
HIST 1140G	World History II	
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i>		3
Select any 3 credit course from the New Mexico General Education link; The following courses are recommended <sup>2</sup>		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre	
<i>General Education Elective <sup>2</sup></i>		3
Select one 3 credit class from the New Mexico General Education course list; see link above.		
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
OECS 105 or FYEX 1110	Introduction to Information Technology First-year Seminar	3
<b>Electives, to bring the total credits to 60</b>		
Select a minimum of 25 credits from lower division courses, one of which must be "G" course, and no more than 10 credits may consist of Career Technical Applied coursework and PHED credits. SPAN 1110 and SPAN 1120 are recommended for some Bachelor degree programs. <sup>3</sup>		25
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Student's subsequent transfer degree major should guide the selection of the math course.

A General Education mathematics course is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter the course first.

<sup>2</sup> See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/grants/general-education/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses

<sup>3</sup> Elective credit may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, AP credit, and/or certificate 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.

See an advisor to determine which courses are considered "applied" coursework and run a degree audit.

300-400 level credits may not be applied to degree, without approval.

## A Suggested Plan of Study

First Year		Credits
Fall		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
OECS 105 or FYEX 1110	Introduction to Information Technology or First-year Seminar	3
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science course <sup>1</sup>		3
Area II: Mathematics Course <sup>1</sup>		3

Elective <sup>2</sup>		3	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:agene@nmsu.edu">agene@nmsu.edu</a> <b>Office:</b> Room 306, McClure Hall
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Spring</b>			
ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3	
Area III: Laboratory Science Course <sup>1</sup>		4	
Area V: Humanities <sup>1</sup>		3	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Science Course <sup>1</sup>		3	
Elective: Recommended a SPAN 1110 <sup>2</sup>		4	
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall</b>			
COMM 1130G or COMM 1115G	Public Speaking or Introduction to Communication	3	
Area IV: Creative and Fine Arts Course <sup>1</sup>		3	
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3	
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3	
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3	
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Spring</b>			
General Education Elective <sup>1</sup>		3	
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3	
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3	
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3	
	<b>Credits</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>60</b>	

<sup>1</sup> See the recommended courses in the degree requirements or refer to the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/grants/general-education/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses

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### Program Learning Outcomes

1. Foster the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information.
2. Improve written and verbal communication skills to effectively convey ideas and information.
3. Advance understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, ideas, and information.
4. Enhance creative thinking and problem-solving skills to adapt to an ever-changing world.
5. Develop competency in basic mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning.
6. Provide a broad foundation of knowledge across various disciplines such as humanities, social sciences, natural, sciences, and fine arts.
7. Equip students with the academic skills and knowledge necessary to successfully transfer to a four-year institute.
8. Encourage a sense of civic responsibility and promote active participation in local and global communities.
9. Instill a desire for continuous intellectual growth and development beyond the classroom and degree.

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