

General Studies, Associate of Arts Degree A.A.



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The Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies is a two-year degree program that provides a student the opportunity to complete a curriculum in traditional fields of study. The curriculum offers a broad and varied background in general education as well as opportunities to explore a number of disciplines as a basis for entrance into a four-year degree program. Completion of the A.A. degree will fulfill the general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree at the state universities of South Dakota. Approved general education courses from other state universities may be used to satisfy the School of Mines general education requirements. The program of studies is:

Associate of Arts Degree General Education Requirements

Students are responsible for checking with their advisors for any program modifications that may occur after the publication of this catalog.

Written and Oral Communication

A minimum of 9 semester hours is required. This requirement can be met by taking one of two sequences of courses. Either:

ENGL 101	Composition I	3
ENGL 279	Technical Comm. I	3

ENGL 289	Technical Comm. II	3
OR:		
ENGL 101	Composition I	3
ENGL 201	Composition II	3
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3

Humanities

Courses in history, literature, philosophy, religion, non-English languages, art, music, and theatre may be used. A minimum of 6 semester hours in two disciplines, i.e. two different course prefixes or a two-semester sequence in a foreign language, is required.

ART 111/112	Drawing and Perception I and II	3/3
ARTH 211*	History of World Art II	3
ENGL 221/222*	British Lit. I ¹ and II ¹	3/3
ENGL 241/242*	American Lit I ¹ and II ¹	3/3
ENGL 250	Science Fiction	3
FREN 101/102*	Intro French I ¹ and II ¹	4/4
GER 101/102*	Intro German I ¹ and II ¹	4/4
HIST 121/122*	Western Civilization I ¹ and II ¹	3/3
HUM 100*	Intro. to Humanities ¹	3
HUM 200*	Connections: Humanities and Technology ¹	3
MUS 100*	Music Appreciation ¹	3
MUS 110*	Basic Music Theory II	3
PHIL 100	Intro. to Philosophy	3
PHIL 200	Intro. to Logic	3
PHIL 220*	Intro. to Ethics ¹	3
PHIL 233	Philosophy and Literature	3
REL 230	Introduction to the Bible	2
REL 250*	World Religions ¹	2
SPAN 101/102*	Intro. Spanish I ¹ and II ¹	4/4

Social Sciences

Courses in anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology may be used. A minimum of 6 semester hours in two disciplines, i.e. two different course prefixes, is required.

ANTH 210*	Cultural Anthropology ¹	3
ECON 201*	Prin of Microeconomics ¹	3
ECON 202*	Prin of Macroeconomics ¹	3
GEOG 101*	Introduction to Geography ¹	3
GEOG 212	Geography of North America	3
HIST 151/152*	US History I ¹ and II ¹	3/3

POLS 100	American Government	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology ¹	3
SOC 150*	Social Problems ¹	3
SOC 250	Courtship and Marriage	3

Mathematics

A minimum of 3 semester hours of college algebra or a math course with college algebra as a prerequisite is required.

MATH 102	College Algebra	3
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Natural Sciences

A minimum of 6 semester hours in the natural sciences is required including one semester hour of laboratory. Courses in biology, chemistry, earth science, geology, and physics may be used.

BIOL 151/151L	General Biology I and Laboratory	3/1
BIOL 153/153L	General Biology II and Laboratory	3/1
CHEM 106/106L	Chemistry/Laboratory	3/1
CHEM 108/108L	Organic and Bio. Chemistry/Laboratory	4/1
CHEM 112/112L	General Chemistry I and Laboratory	3/1
CHEM 114/114L	General Chemistry II and Laboratory	3/1
GEOL 201/201L	Physical Geology/Laboratory	3/1
PHYS 111/111L	Introduction to Physics I and Laboratory	3/1
PHYS 113/113L	Introduction to Physics II and Laboratory	3/1
PHYS 211	University Physics I	3
PHYS 213/213L	University Physics II and Laboratory	3/1

* Cultural Diversity

A minimum of 6 semester hours is required. Courses must be selected from those marked with an asterisk * in the Humanities and Social Sciences sections above. If non-asterisked courses are selected to fulfill the Humanities and Social Science requirements, additional asterisked

courses must be selected to fulfill this requirement.

Information Technology

A minimum of 2 semester hours is required and may be satisfied via:

CEE 284/284L	Digital Computation Applications in CE
CHEM 182	Chemical Computations
CSC 105	Introduction to Computers
CSC 150/150L	Computer Science I
GE 112/112L	Personal Computer Programming
GE 130/130L	Introduction to Engineering
GEOE 211/211L	Earth Systems Engineering Analysis

Electives

Total semester hours required to graduate is 64. The number of elective credits will vary from a minimum of 24-30 semester hours, depending on the courses selected in humanities, social sciences, cultural diversity, and natural sciences. All elective courses must be approved by the student's academic advisor.

Other Degree Requirements

Students are required to pass the CAAP proficiency examination and the Information Literacy Examination. For additional information on these examinations, contact the Office of the Registrar and Academic Services at (605) 394-2400.

Students must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in order to graduate with this degree.

After completion of 48 credit hours, students may register for up to nine hours of 300 level courses.

Students must meet the Institutional Credit Requirements, which include completion from School of Mines of 8 of the last 16 credits counted toward the degree.

This information and an A.A. worksheet may be found at: <<http://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/is>>.