

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 as follows:

Associate of Arts Degree General Education Requirements

It is the student's responsibility to check with his or her advisor for any program modifications that may occur after the publication of this catalog.

Written and Oral Communication

A minimum of nine (9) semester hours is required. This requirement can be met by taking one of two (2) sequences of courses. Either:

ENGL 101 Composition I 3

ENGL 279 Technical Communications I 3

ENGL 289 Technical Communications 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 six (6) semester hours in two (2) disciplines, i.e. two (2) 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 Literature II and II¹ 3/3

ENGL 241/242 American Lit II and III 3/3

ENGL 250 Science Fiction 3

FREN 101/102 Intro French II and III 4/4

GER 101/102 Intro German II and III 4/4

HIST 121/122 Western Civilization
I¹ and II¹ 3/3

HUM 100 Introduction to Humanities¹ 3

HUM 200 Connections: Humanities
and Technology I 3

MUS 100 Music Appreciation I 3

MUS 110 Basic Music Theory II 3

PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy 3

PHIL 200 Introduction to Logic 3

PHIL 220 Introduction to Ethics I 3

PHIL 233 Philosophy and Literature 3

REL 230 Introduction to the Bible 2

REL 250 World Religions I 2

SPAN 101/102 Intro Spanish II and III 4/4

Social Sciences

Courses in anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology may be used. A minimum of six semester hours in two (2) disciplines, i.e. two (2) different course prefixes, is required.

ANTH 210	Cultural Anthropology1	3
ECON 201	Prin of Microeconomics1	3
ECON 202	Prin of Macroeconomics1	3
GEOG 101	Introduction to Geography1	3
GEOG 212	Geography of North America	3
HIST 151/152	US History II and III	3/3
POLS 100	American Government	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology1	3
SOC 150	Social Problems1	3
SOC 250	Courtship and Marriage	3

Mathematics

A minimum of three (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 six (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

Electives

Total semester hours required to graduate is sixty-four (64). The number of elective credits will vary from a minimum of twenty-four to thirty

(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 Academic and Enrollment 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 forty-eight (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 eight (8) of the last sixteen (16) credits counted toward the degree.

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