

Associate in Arts (ARTS.AA)

This pre-baccalaureate degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree. It is selected by students planning to pursue a career in such fields as the arts, business, creative writing, criminal justice, economics, education, history, interdisciplinary humanities, literature, philosophy, political science, psychology, social work, speech communication and world languages.

Bachelor of Arts degrees in subject areas vary from one college or university to another. Prior to beginning a curriculum, students should contact the transfer institutions that interest them and a Jackson College student success navigator to create a pathway map toward their degree.

NOTE: Only courses with a 2.0 or better transfer to most four-year colleges and universities. To complete the Michigan Transfer Agreement, students must plan their courses carefully. Completion of the Associate in Arts degree does NOT guarantee the Michigan Transfer Agreement designation.

Minimum credits: 60

Minimum grade in all courses: 2.0

Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0

Minimum Jackson College credits: 15

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (32-35 CREDITS)

GEO 1: Write clearly, concisely and intelligibly (6 credits)

Take the following:

ENG 131 Writing Experience I

Choose one of the following:

ENG 132 Writing Experience II

ENG 201 Advanced Composition

GEO 2: Recognize the importance of equity and inclusion in a diverse society (3 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

ANT 131 Cultural Anthropology

COM 250 Intercultural Communication

ENG 249 African-American Literature

HIS 125 African-American History

HIS 211 Minority Groups in America

HUM 131 Cultural Connections

PHL 243 Great World Religions

PLS 262 International Relations

PSY 152 Social Psychology

SOC 246 Marriage and Family

GEO 3: Demonstrate computational skills and mathematical reasoning (4-5 credits)

Take the following:

MAT 130 Quantitative Reasoning (or higher)

GEO 4: Demonstrate scientific reasoning (7-9 credits)

Choose two of the following from two different disciplines; at least one must be a laboratory science course:

Non-laboratory Science Courses:

BIO 140 Public Health and Disease

PHY 150 Concepts in Astronomy

Lab Science Courses:

BIO 110 Introductory Biology

BIO 132 Human Biology

BIO 158 Environmental Science

BIO 161 General Biology I

BIO 162 General Biology II

BIO 220 Microbiology

BIO 231 General Botany

BIO 232 General Zoology

BIO 253 Human Anatomy and Physiology I

CEM 131 Fundamentals of Chemistry

CEM 141 General Chemistry I

GEL 109 Earth Science

GEL 160 Introduction to Geology

NSC 131 Contemporary Science

NSC 140 Contemporary Climate Science

NSC 141 Scientific Inquiry (Must be taken with NSC 141L for laboratory component)

PHY 131 Conceptual Physics

PHY 151 Astronomy

PHY 231 College Physics I

PHY 251 Modern University Physics I

GEO 5: Understand human behavior and social systems, and the principles which govern them (6 credits)

Choose two of the following from two different disciplines:

ECN 231 Macroeconomics

ECN 232 Microeconomics

HIS 120 Ancient History

HIS 131 Western Civilization to 1555

HIS 132 Western Civilization 1555 to Present

HIS 231 Development of the US through the Civil War

HIS 232 Development of the US from the Civil War

HIS 235 20th Century History

PLS	141	American National Government
PSY	140	Introduction to Psychology
PSY	152	Social Psychology
PSY	245	Infancy and Childhood
PSY	251	Abnormal Psychology
PSY	252	Developmental Psychology
PSY	256	Educational Psychology
PSY	290	Human Sexuality
SOC	152	Social Psychology
SOC	231	Principles of Sociology

GEO 6: Identify artistic, linguistic, and theoretical perspectives across the human experience (6 credits)

Choose two of the following from two different disciplines:

ART	111	Art History: Prehistoric to 1400
ART	112	Art History: Renaissance to Present
ENG	210	Film in Literature
ENG	246	Short Story & Novel
ENG	247	Poetry & Drama
ENG	249	African-American Literature
ENG	252	Shakespeare
ENG	254	Children's Literature
ENG	255	American Literature – 19th Century
ENG	256	American Literature – 20th Century
ENG	261	Creative Writing
HUM	131	Cultural Connections
MUS	130	Music of Non-Western Cultures
MUS	131	Understanding Music
MUS	132	History of American Popular Music
MUS	151	Music Theory I
MUS	152	Music Theory II
PHL	231	Introduction to Philosophy
PHL	243	World Religions
SPN	131	Elementary Spanish I
SPN	132	Elementary Spanish II
SPN	231	Intermediate Spanish I
SPN	232	Intermediate Spanish II
THR	116	Introduction to Theatre
WRL	102	Portuguese Conversation I
WRL	103	Portuguese Conversation II
WRL	104	Mandarin I
WRL	105	Mandarin II

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Additional courses** must be taken so that total degree equals 60 credits. Visit a student success navigator to obtain a guide sheet and/or to discuss requirements for your selected program of study. Students are encouraged to choose courses that transfer as equivalent credit to four-year colleges

and universities. Students are responsible for verifying that courses taken meet the requirements for their chosen program of study.

** Courses identified as remedial or developmental cannot be used as credits toward degrees or certificates. These courses currently include: CIS 090, 095; ENG 080, 085, 090, 101, 102, 109, 110; MAT 019, 020, 030, 031, 033, 035, 039; MTH 090, 095, 098, 100, and 110; and, MTT 009. Additional courses excluded from credits toward degrees and certificates are continuing education courses (prefix CCE, CED, CEU, CFO, CJT, CSS, ESL, LTL) and courses offered through JC's workforce training programs (prefixes JTI, PDI).