

# Planning for an Associate of Arts Degree

## General Requirement:

-An Associate of Arts Degree is awarded to students who complete 60 credits of first- and second-year courses (20 courses in total). The emphasis is on Arts courses and a substantial number of these Arts courses must be at the second-year level.

## Specific Requirements:

-Arts (36 credits or 12 courses):

- 6 credits (2 courses) in first-year English
- 6 credits (2 courses) in first-year Humanities other than English (may include Creative and Performing Arts)
- 6 credits (2 courses) in first-year Social Sciences
- 18 credits (6 courses) in second-year Arts covering two or more subject areas (Social Work 200, Social Work 201, and 200-level Education courses may be used to meet this requirement)

-Sciences (minimum of 9 credits or 3 courses):

- at least 3 credits (1 course) in Math, Computer Science, or Statistics (Statistics courses taught in disciplines such as Business, Commerce, Economics, Psychology, etc. may meet this requirement)
- at least 3 credits (1 course) in a lab science

-Electives (15 credits or 5 courses): 9 of these elective credits (3 courses) may be in an area other than Arts and Sciences (Business, etc.)

-Note: An individual course may not be used to fulfill more than one specific requirement.

## Concentrations or Specializations:

-Associate of Arts Degrees are available with concentrations in a specific discipline. A concentration requires a minimum of 15 credits (5 courses) within a single discipline; normally, 6 of these credits must be at the second-year level. Currently, concentrations or specializations are available in disciplines such as Criminology, English, Geography, History, Psychology, and Sociology.

## Sample Planning Grid:

### Year One

#### First Term

- 100-Level English course
- 100-Level Humanities or Creative/Performing Arts course (other than English)
- 100-Level Social Science course
- 100-Level Math, Computer Science, or Stats course
- Elective from any level or area

#### Second Term

- 100-Level English course
- 100-Level Humanities or Creative/Performing Arts course (other than English)
- 100-Level Social Science course
- 100-Level Lab Science course (Biol, Chem, Physics, Geog 112 or 114)
- Elective from any level or area

### Year Two

**First Term** (remember that Social Work and Education courses qualify as second-year Arts courses)

- 200-Level Arts (Humanities or Social Sciences)
- 200-Level Arts (Humanities or Social Sciences)
- 200-Level Arts (Humanities or Social Sciences)
- 100- or 200-Level Science course to complete Science requirement
- Elective from any level or area

**Second Term** (remember that Social Work and Education courses qualify as second-year Arts courses)

- 200-Level Arts (Humanities or Social Sciences)
- 200-Level Arts (Humanities or Social Sciences)
- 200-Level Arts (Humanities or Social Sciences)
- Elective from any level or area
- Elective from any level or area