

Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCCD)
2020-2021 Associate in General Studies (AGS) Degree and General Education Requirements

Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in General Studies degree requires 60-64 semester credits in courses numbered 100 and above. The degree includes the following components:

- I. General Education (minimum of 38 credits)
 - Core curriculum (requires a grade of “C” or better)
 - Distribution courses (requires a grade of “D” or better)
- II. General Electives (enough additional courses numbered 100 or above, passed with a grade of “D” or better, to bring total credits to at least 60)

Purpose of the Degree

The Associate in General Studies (AGS) degree is recommended for students whose educational goals require flexibility. The AGS allows students to apply any course numbered 100 or above, including some that are not transferable to a state university, toward the credits required for the degree. Therefore, for students who intend to transfer to another college or university in the future to pursue a bachelor’s degree, this degree may be less appropriate than other Associate degrees offered (Associate in Arts, Associate in Business, Associate in Science, and all major-specific pathway map versions of these degrees) by the Maricopa Community Colleges.

Academic Policies that Govern the Associate in General Studies Degree:

- The graduation policies within the general catalog must be satisfied.
- A single course can simultaneously count towards a Core Area and a Distribution requirement. Courses that meet this criterion are **bold print and underscored** in the Core areas and Distribution areas (on the course list at the conclusion of this document). For example, CRE101 may be used to satisfy both the Literacy and Critical Inquiry requirement [L] of Distribution area and the Core Curriculum’s Critical Reading area. While multiple requirements can be met with a single course, the credits are only counted one time toward the required minimum for the degree. A course cannot satisfy more than one Core area, even if it is approved for more than one Core area. A course cannot satisfy more than one Distribution area, even if it is approved for more than one Distribution area.
- Credits transferred from outside of MCCCD must be at a grade of “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better. Transfer credit graded pass/fail or pass/no credit may be transferred if documentation collected by the community college indicates that this was the only grading option available to the student and that the Pass grade (“P”) is equivalent to a “C” or better.
- Completion of the AGS with a minimum Grade Point Average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for Arizona residents and 2.50 for non-residents meets Arizona public university general admission requirements. However, meeting all AGS minimums does not ensure admission to specific university majors or programs with selective admission processes and/or limited enrollment. Furthermore, because the AGS is not designed to align with the requirements for bachelors degrees, not all credits may be transferable and students may have deficiencies in lower division (100- and 200-level) courses for a particular major.

Summary of Degree Requirements:

Details on how to identify courses approved for each of the different categories is described following the outline.

I. MCCCD General Education	34-47*
Core Areas	12-18
1. First-Year Composition	6*
ENG101 OR ENG107 AND	
ENG102 OR ENG108	
2. Mathematics	3-6

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3. Computer Usage	1
4. Oral Communication	3
<u>COM100</u> Introduction to Human Communication OR	
<u>COM110</u> Interpersonal Communication OR	
<u>COM225</u> Public Speaking OR	
<u>COM230</u> Small Group Communication (3 credits) OR	
<u>COM100AA & COM100AB & COM100AC</u> (3 credits) OR	
<u>COM110AA & COM110AB & COM110AC</u> (3 credits)	
5. Critical Reading	0-3
Students may demonstrate proficiency through assessment.	
<u>CRE101</u> Critical Reading OR	
equivalent as indicated by assessment	
Distribution Areas	22-29
1. Humanities, Arts and Design	9
Students are encouraged to choose course work from more than one discipline.	
2. Social-Behavioral Sciences	6-9
Students are encouraged to choose course work from more than one discipline.	
Social-Behavioral Sciences requirements may be met with 6 credits only if COM100,	
COM110, or COM230 is shared between Core and Distribution (see Academic	
Policies section on prior page). The credits are only counted once, but may be applied	
to meet Oral Communication and Social-Behavioral Science requirements.	
3. Natural Sciences	7-8
Two lecture courses and one corresponding laboratory course are to be selected.	
Credits for lecture and lab components may be combined or each may carry separate	
credit. For appropriate course selection students should consult with an academic	
advisor.	
4. Literacy and Critical Inquiry	0-3
Literacy requirement may be met with 0 credits only if CRE101 or COM225 is shared	
between Core and Distribution (see Academic Policies section on prior page). The credits	
are only counted once, but may be applied to meet [Oral Communication and Literacy] or	
[Critical Reading and Literacy and Critical Inquiry] requirements.	
II. General Electives	13-26
Select additional courses 100-level or higher to complete a minimum of 60 semester credits but	
no more than a total of 64 semester credits.	
Associate in General Studies Total Credits:	60-64

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All courses listed meet AGS requirements as specified.
 Courses in *Purple Italic Underline* also meet Arizona
 General Education Curriculum AGECE requirements.

Courses in **bold print and underscored** simultaneously
 count towards a Core Area and a Distribution requirement.

Degree Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE

(16 credits - grade of "C" or better)*

First-Year Composition (6 credits)*

ENG English [101, 107] & [102, 108]

Oral Communication (3 credits)

COM Communication 100, 100AA & 100AB & 100AC, 110, 110AA & 110AB & 110AC, 225, 230

Critical Reading (3 credits)

CRE Critical Reading 101 or Equivalent as indicated by assessment

Mathematics (3 credits)

MAT Mathematics 112, 114, 115, 120, 121, 122, 126, 140, 141, 142, 145, 146, 150, 150&182, 151, 151&182, 152, 152&182, 155, 155&182, 156, 156&182, 172, 187, 206, 212, 213, 217, 218, 220, 221, 225, 227, 230, 231, 240, 241, 256, 257, 261, 262, 276, 277,
 Equivalent course/ Satisfactory completion of a higher level
 Mathematics course.

Computer Usage (1 credit)

Computer-related course or demonstration of comparable computer skills. Additional courses may be approved by individual colleges. Students should contact their advisor for college-specific courses satisfying the requirement.

- ACC Accounting 115
- ADA Advertising Arts 169, 175, 177, 183, 283, 283AA, 289
- AJS Administration of Justice Studies 205
- AMS Automated Manufacturing System 150
- ARC Architecture 243, 244, 245
- ART Art 100, 169, 170, 173, 175, 177, 179, any 180++ course, 183, 283, 289
- BIO Biology 283
- BPC Business-Personal Computers Any BPC Course(s), including 110
- CIS Computer Information Systems Any CIS Course(s), including 105, 162AB, 162AD, 163AA (and except 159, 162AC, 217AM, 259,)
- CSC Computer Science Any CSC Course(s), including 100AA, 100AB, 110, 110AA, 110AB, 120, 150, 150AA, 180 180AA, 180AB, 181, 181AA, 181AB, 182, 182AA, 205, 205AA, 205AB, 205AC, 205AD, 283 (and except 200, 200AA, 200AB, 210, 210AA, 210AB)

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(Computer Usage Continued)

- CTR Court Reporting 101, 102
- DFT Drafting Technology 105AA**, 251, 254AA, 256AA
**Must be taken with CSC100AA or AB to meet AGECE value
- ECH Early Childhood Education 238
- EEE Electrical Engineering 120
- ELE Electronic 131, 181, 241, 243, 245
- ELT Electronic Technology 131, 241, 243
- ENG English 100AE
- FON Food & Nutrition 100
- GBS General Business 221
- GIS Geographic Information Science 205, 211
- GPH Physical Geography 220
- HRM Hotel Restaurant Management 126
- JRN Journalism 133
- LAS Paralegal Studies 229
- MAT Mathematics 206
- MET Manufacturing Technology 264
- MTC Music Theory/Composition 180, 191
- NET Networking Technology 181
- OAS Office Automation Systems 111AA/111AB/113/119/130DK
- PSY Psychology 230
- SBS Small Business 211
- SWU Social Work 225
- TVL Travel Agent Technology 203
- VPT Video Production Technology 106

**GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION AREAS
 (28-29 credits – grade of "D" or better)**

Humanities, Arts and Design (9 credits)

Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline.

- AHU Arabic Humanities 245
- AIS American Indian Studies 213
- AJS Administration of Justice Studies 123
- ARH Art Humanities Any ARH Course(s), including 100, 101, 102, 109, 110, 112, 115, 118, 145, 201, 203, 204, 217, 216, 240, 250
- ART Art 131
- ASB Anthropology 211, 214, 220, 222, 223, 253
- CCS Chicana and Chicano Studies 101
- COM Communication 241
- CON Construction 101(formerly CNS101)
- DAH Dance Humanities 100, 101, 201, 250, 255
- EDU Education 291, 292, 294
- ENG English 200, 213, 218
- ENH English Humanities Any ENH Course(s), including 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 117, 130, 140AA, 190, 201, 202, 204, 206, 214, 221, 222, 230, 231, 232, 235, 241, 242, 245, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 259, 260, 275, 277, 277AA-AK, 280, 284, 285, 291, 294, 295 (and except 250)
- FRE French 265
- GST Game Studies 202

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HCR	Health Care Related 210
HIS	History 101, 102, 103, 108, 110, 111, 113, 114, 203, 212, 251, 252, 253, 254, 252, 275
HON	Honors 190
HUM	Humanities Any HUM course(s), including 100, 101, 107, 108, 190AA, 190AB, 190AC, 190AD, 190AE, 190AF, 190AG, 190AH, 190AI, 201, 202, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211AA, 211AE, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 220, 235, 245, 250, 251, 260, 261, 292, 295 (and except 120, 225)
INT	Interior Design 115, 120
LAT	Latin 201, 202
MHL	Music: History/Literature 140, 143, 145, 146, 153, 155, 194, 204, 241, 242, 295
PHI	Philosophy Any PHI Course(s), including 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 113, 201, 212, 213, 214, 215, 233AC, 216, 218, 224, 233AA, 233AB, 234AC, 244, 245, 250, 251, 282AA-AC
REL	Religious Studies Any REL Course(s), 100, 101, 151, 200, 202, 203, 205, 206, 207, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 218, 223, 225, 230, 240, 244, 245, 248, 250, 251, 270, 271, 277, 292, 294, 295, 282AA-AC, 290, 291
SLC	Studies in Language & Culture 201, 202
SPA	Spanish 241, 242, 265, 266
SPH	Spanish Humanities 241, 245
SSH	Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111
STO	Storytelling 292, 294
SWU	Social Work 183
TCM	Telecommunications 107
TEC	Textiles and Clothing 105
THE	Theater 111, 220
THF	Theatre and Film 205, 206, 210
THP	Theater/Performance/Production 241
WST	Women's Studies 209, 284, 285, 290

Social-Behavioral Sciences (6-9 credits)

Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline. Social-Behavioral Sciences requirements may be met with 6 credits only if COM100, COM110, or COM230 is shared between Core and Distribution (see Academic Policies section). The credits are only counted once, but may be applied to meet Oral Communication and Social-Behavioral Science requirements.

AFR	African American Studies 202, 203, 204
AIS	American Indian Studies 101, 140, 141, 160
AJS	Administration of Justice Studies 101, 119, 200, 225, 258, 259, 270
ASB	Anthropology 100, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 226, 230, 235, 252
ASM	Anthropology 104/275
BHS	Behavioral Health Services Technology 150
CCS	Chicana and Chicano Studies 202
CFS	Child/Family Studies 112, 157, 159, 176, 205, 235, 259
COM	Communication 100, 100AA&100AB&100AC, 110, 110AA&110AB&110AC, 163, 230, 250, 263
ECH	Early Childhood Education 176

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ECN	Economics 160, 211, 212, 213, 250
EDU	Education 221, 222
EED	Early Education 200, 205, 222
EMT	Emergency Medical Technology 258
ENG	English 213
FOR	Forensic Science 275
FSC	Fire Science Technology 258
GCU	Cultural Geography 102, 113, 121, 122, 141, 221
HES	Health Science 100
HIS	History any HIS Course(s), including 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 113, 114, 140, 145, 173, 190, 201, 203, 204, 209, 240, 241, 242, 273, 277, 282AA-AC (and except 111, 170, 251, 252, 253, 254)
HON	Honors 201
IBS	International Business 109
IFS	Information Studies 201, 210
MCO	Mass Communications 120
MGT	Management 229, 230
PAD	Public Administration 200
POS	Political Science Any POS course(s), including 100, 101, 110, 113, 114, 115, 120, 125, 130, 140, 180, 210, 212, 221, 222, 223, 230, 270, 281AB, 282AA-AC, 285
PSY	Psychology 101, 123, 132, 156, 157, 215, 218, 225, 235, 240, 241, 243, 250, 260, 266, 277, 280, 292
REC	Recreation 120
SBU	Society and Business 200
SLC	Studies in Language & Culture 201
SOC	Sociology Any SOC course(s), including 101, 110, 130, 141, 157, 180, 212, 220, 241, 251, 266, 270 (and except 143, 245, 253, 265)
SSH	Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111
SUS	Sustainability/Natural Sciences 110
SWU	Social Work 102, 171, 182, 250, 258, 295
TEC	Textiles and Clothing 105
WED	Wellness Education 110
WST	Women's Studies 100, 161
YAQ	Yaqui Indian History and Culture 100

Natural Sciences (7-8 credits)

Two lecture courses and one corresponding laboratory course are to be selected. The lecture and corresponding laboratory course(s) may carry separate credit. For appropriate course selection students should consult with an advisor.

AGS	Agricultural Science 164, 260
ASB	Anthropology 231
ASM	Anthropology 104, 265, 275
AST	Astronomy 101, 106, 111, 112
BIO	Biology 100, 101, 102, 105, 107, 108, 109, 111, 145, 149AF, 149AH, 149AK, 149AL, 149AM, 149AN, 156, 156XT, 160, 181, 181XT, 182, 182XT, 201, 201XT, 202, 205, 241, 245

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- CHM Chemistry [107&107LL, 130&130LL, 130AA, 150&151LL, 150AA, 151&151LL, 151AA, 152&152LL, 152AA, 154&154LL, 230&230LL](#)
- CON Construction [106 \(formerly CNS106\)](#)
- ENV Environmental Sciences [101](#)
- FON Food and Nutrition [241&241LL](#)
- FOR Forensic Science [105, 106, 275](#)
- GLG Geology [101&103, 101IN, 102&104, 102IN, 105, 106, 110&111, 110IN, 121, 140, 229AB-AC, 230AA-AC, 231AA-AD, 280, 281, 282AA](#)
- GPH Physical Geography [111&112, 113, 211, 212&214, 213&215](#)
- PHS Physical Science [110, 120](#)
- PHY Physics [101, 101AA, 111, 111AA, 112, 115, 116, 121, 131](#)
- PSY Psychology [275, 290AB, 290AC](#)

Literacy and Critical Inquiry (0-3 credits)

Literacy requirements may be met with 0 credits only if CRE101 or COM225 is shared between Core and Distribution (see Academic Policies section). The credits are only counted once, but may be applied to meet [Critical Reading and Literacy and Critical Inquiry] or [Oral Communication and Literacy and Critical Inquiry] requirements.

- AIS American Indian Studies [203, 213](#)
- COM Communication [222, 225, 241](#)
- CPD Counseling and Personal Development [160](#)
- CRE Critical Reading [101, 201](#)
- CUL Culinary Arts [223](#)
- DAH Dance Humanities [255](#)
- EDU Education [282AC](#)
- ENG English [111, 200, 215, 216, 217, 218](#)
- ENH English Humanities [241, 254, 255](#)
- EXS Exercise Science [290](#)
- GBS General Business [233](#)
- GPH Physical Geography [267](#)
- HUM Humanities [225, 250, 251](#)
- IFS Information Studies [201](#)
- JRN Journalism [201, 215, 234](#)
- MCO Mass Communications [220](#)
- MHL Music: History/Literature [204](#)
- PHI Philosophy [103, 106, 218, 224, 244](#)
- POS Political Science [115](#)
- PSY Psychology [290AB, 290AC](#)
- REL Religious Studies [203, 205, 207, 244](#)
- SLC Studies in Language & Culture [202](#)
- THE Theatre [220](#)
- THP Theatre Performance/Production [241](#)

Elective Courses (15-22 credits) May select courses from prefixes already chosen for General Education Distribution requirements in order to develop depth in one or more subject areas.

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