

**Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)
2021-2022 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 degree allows students to apply any course numbered 100 or above, including some that are not transferable to the Arizona public universities and may not be transferable to other universities, 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 Arts, Elementary Education; Associate in Fine Arts; Associate in Business-General Requirements; Associate in Business-Special Requirements; Associate in Science; and all emphases under 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 (Administrative Regulation 2.3.9).
- 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	35-48*
Core Areas	13-19
1. First-Year Composition	6*
ENG101 OR ENG107 AND ENG102 OR ENG108	
2. Mathematics	3-6

- 3. Computer Usage 1
- 4. Oral Communication 3
 - COM100 Introduction to Human Communication OR
 - COM110 Interpersonal Communication OR
 - COM225 Public Speaking OR
 - COM230 Small Group Communication (3 credits) OR
 - COM100AA & COM100AB & COM100AC (3 credits) OR
 - COM110AA & COM110AB & COM110AC (3 credits)
- 5. Critical Reading 0-3
 - Students may demonstrate proficiency through assessment.
 - CRE101 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

*First-Year Composition may be met with fewer than 6 credits if student has transfer credit from ASU, NAU or UAZ for a single course that meets FYC in full.

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

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

AGS 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, 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, 289
AJS Administration of Justice Studies 205
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)
CTR Court Reporting 101, 102
DFT Drafting Technology 105AA**, 251, 254AA
***Must be taken with CSC100AA or AB to meet AGEC value*
ECH Early Childhood Education 238
EDU Education 115
(Continued in next column)

(Computer Usage Continued)

EED Early Education 115

EEE Electrical Engineering 120
ELE Electronic 131, 181, 241, 243, 245
ELT Electronic Technology 131, 243
ENG English 100AE
FON Food & Nutrition 100
GBS General Business 221
GIS Geographic Information Science 205, 211
HRM Hotel Restaurant Management 126
JRN Journalism 133
LAS Paralegal Studies 229
MAT Mathematics 206
MTC Music Theory/Composition 180, 191
NET Networking Technology 181
OAS Office Automation Systems 111AA
PSY Psychology 230
SWU Social Work 225

AGS 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, 201, 250, 255
EDU Education 230 (eff. Spring '22), 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, 253, 254, 255, 256, 259, 260, 275, 277, 277AG, 277AA-AK, 280, 284, 285, 291, 294, 295 (and except 250)
FRE French 265
GST Game Studies 202
HCR Health Care Related 210
HIS History 101, 102, 103, 108, 110, 111, 113, 114, 203, 212, 251, 252
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
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(Humanities, Arts, and Design Continued)

PHI Philosophy Any PHI Course(s), including 101, 103, 104, 105, 201, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 218, 224, 233AA, 233AB, 233AC, 244, 245, 250, 251, 282AC

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	235, 240, 241, 243, 250, 260, 262, 266, 277, 280, 292
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	
TEC	Textiles and Clothing 105	
THE	Theater 111, 220	
THF	Theatre and Film 205, 206, 210	
THP	Theater/Performance/Production 217, 241	
WST	Women's Studies 209, 284, 285, 290	
REC	Recreation 120	
SBU	Society and Business 200	
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 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	

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 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, 270
ASB	Anthropology 100, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 226, 230, 235, 252
ASM	Anthropology 104/275
BHS	Behavioral Health Services Technology 150, 210
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
CPD	180
ECH	Early Childhood Education 176
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 (and except 111, 170, 251, 252)
HON	Honors 201
HUM	Humanities 235
IBS	International Business 109
IFS	Information Studies 201, 210, 213
MCO	Mass Communications 120
MGT	Management 229, 230

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PAD	Public Administration 200
POS	Political Science Any POS course(s), including 100, 101, 110, 113, 114, 115, 120, 125, 130, 140, 180, 210, 221, 222, 223, 281AB, 282AA-AC, 285
PSY	Psychology 101, 123, 132, 156, 157, 215, 218, 225,

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
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, 115, 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

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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](#), [277AG](#)
EXS Exercise Science [290](#)
FON Food and Nutrition [225](#)
GBS General Business [233](#)
GPH Physical Geography [267](#)
HUM Humanities [225](#), [235](#), [250](#), [251](#)
IFS Information Studies [201](#)
JRN Journalism [201](#), [215](#), [234](#)
MCO Mass Communications [220](#)
MHL Music: History/Literature [204](#)
PHI Philosophy [103](#), [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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