

**Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)
2021-2022 Associate in Science (AS) Degree**

Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Science (AS) degree requires a minimum of 60 semester credits for the program of study; minimum total credits for vary by specific emphasis (for example, Associate in Science, Emphasis in Physics). Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu for credit minimums for individual degree programs by emphasis. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required to earn the degree. The AS degree is governed by the [MCCCD General Academic Policies for Transfer Degrees](#).

The Associate in Science degree includes the following components:

- I. Program Prerequisites (if applicable, for versions with an emphasis only)
- II. Required Courses (for versions with an emphasis only)
- III. Restricted Electives (for versions with an emphasis only)
- IV. Arizona General Education Curriculum for Science (AGEC-S)
- V. MCCCD Additional Requirements (Oral Communication and Critical Reading)
- VI. General Electives (if needed to reach minimum credits for degree)

Purpose of the Degree

The Associate in Science (AS) degree is designed for students planning to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. In general, the components of the degree meet requirements for majors with more stringent mathematics and mathematics-based science requirements. Generally, the degree will transfer as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements.

In most cases, courses used to satisfy the MCCCD Associate in Science (AS) will apply to general university graduation requirements of the majors that align with the AS degree; however, students need to be aware of any specific requirements of their intended major at the university to be sure they select courses that will meet them. Information regarding the articulation of the AS with majors at the Arizona public universities can be accessed via the following website: www.aztransfer.com

It is recommended that students select courses that meet more than one general education and/or awareness area requirement. Doing so will maximize the number of math and science electives the student can take as part of his/her Associate in Science degree.

Special Academic Policies that Govern the Associate in Science Degree

- The AGEC-S does not require a course with [CS] Computer/Statistics designation.
- Unlike the AGEC-A and AGEC-B, the same course is allowed to satisfy the ([L] and [HU]) or ([L] and [SB]) areas of the AGEC-S's Core Area. The credits for such a "shared" course are only counted one time toward the required minimum for the degree.

Degree Requirements

The requirements for the Associate in Science follow. All versions of the Associate in Science require at least 60 credits; for major-specific pathways within the degree, prescribed courses and minimum credits for categories within the degree, as well as the total, vary. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu for credit minimums for major-specific pathways within the degree. The following websites identify the courses that apply to the different General Education Core and Awareness Areas: [AGEC-S](#) and the [AGEC Matrix](#). Courses available for both Areas during a current or upcoming semester can also be found using the "Find a Class" tool on each MCCCD college's website.

Requirements

Credits

I. Program Prerequisites..... **Number varies**
Program prerequisites for the Associate in Science degree vary by specific emphasis, and are not required for the version of the degree without a specific emphasis. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu for specific courses and credit minimums by emphasis.

II. Required Courses..... **Number varies**
Required (major-specific) courses for the Associate in Science degree vary by specific emphasis, and are not required for the version of the degree without a specific emphasis. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu for specific courses and credit minimums by emphasis.

III. Restricted Electives..... **Number varies**
Restricted electives for the Associate in Science degree vary by specific emphasis, and are not required for version of the degree without a specific emphasis. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu for specific courses and credit minimums by emphasis.

IV. Arizona General Education Curriculum—Science (AGEC-S)..... **up to 56**
The AGECS requires a minimum of 36 credits (33 if FYC is met by single transfer course)*, however, prerequisite/required/restricted elective courses may also meet AGECS requirements and credits count once toward the total for the degree. Therefore, the AGECS may be met with fewer than 36 credits (33 if FYC is met by single transfer course)* as long as all requirements listed in this section (IV) are completed.

Courses applied to meet AGECA requirements vary by emphasis. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu for specific course requirements. Some courses may be met by Required Courses or Restricted Electives. Some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations and can be used to satisfy [C], [G] and/or [H] requirement(s) as well as other AGECS requirements, Required Course(s) or Restricted Elective(s). AGECS designations are subject to change. Courses may meet more than one requirement but are only counted once toward the total credits for the degree. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.

- A. First-Year Composition [FYC]..... **6***
 - ENG101 OR ENG107..... (3)*
 - AND ENG102 OR ENG108..... (3)*
- B. Literacy and Critical Inquiry [L]..... **0-3****

Students are strongly encouraged to choose an [L] course that also has [HU] or [SB] designation or to use CRE101 or COM225 from the Maricopa Additional Requirements Area to satisfy the [L] requirement. It may also have been approved to satisfy one or more Awareness Areas ([C], [G], [H]). (AGECS designations are subject to change. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)
- C. Mathematical Applications [MA]..... **4-5**

Requires the first semester of calculus courses designed for scientists and engineers (MAT220 or MAT221) or any other [MA] designated course for which Calculus I is a pre-requisite.
- D. Humanities, Arts and Design [HU]..... **6**

For the AGECS, a single course with both [HU] and [L] designations may satisfy both Areas. Note that some of these courses also have Awareness

Areas designations and can be used to satisfy [C], [G] and/or [H] requirement(s) as well as their respective Core Area(s). (AGEC designations are subject to change. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)

- E. Social-Behavioral Sciences [SB]..... **6**
 For the AGEC-S, a single course with both [SB] and [L] designations may satisfy both Areas. Note that some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations and can be used to satisfy [C], [G] and/or [H] requirement(s) as well as their respective Core Area(s). (AGEC designations are subject to change. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)
- F. Natural Sciences [SQ/SG]..... **8-10**
 Students must complete eight (8) to ten (10) credits of General Chemistry, University Physics, General Biology for Majors, or Physical and Historical Geology. Consult specific requirements of university transfer major for guidance.
- [(CHM150 or CHM151) & CHM151LL] or
 CHM150AA or CHM151AA General Chemistry I
 AND
 [CHM152 & CHM152LL] or CHM152AA General Chemistry II
 OR
 PHY115 or PHY121 University Physics I
 AND
 PHY116 or PHY131 University Physics II
 OR
 BIO181 or BIO181XT General Biology (Majors) I
 AND
 BIO182 or BIO182XT General Biology (Majors) II
 OR
 GLG101IN Introduction to Geology I - Physical or
 GLG101 Introduction to Geology I - Physical Lecture and
 GLG103 Introduction to Geology I – Physical Lab
 AND
 GLG102IN Introduction to Geology II – Historical or
 GLG102 Introduction to Geology II - Historical Lecture and
 GLG104 Introduction to Geology II – Historical Lab
- G. Subject Options - Math/Science **6-10**
 Refer to transfer resources, including academic advisement and transfer guides, to select six (6)- ten (10) additional math and/or science credits that meet requirements for selected major.
- Select Mathematics course(s) [MAT] above Calculus I and/or
 Computer Science course(s) [CSC] and/or
 Science courses from the following disciplines: Astronomy, Biology,
 Botany, Chemistry, Engineering, Environmental Science, Geology,
 Physical Geography, Physics, Zoology (MCCCD prefixes AST, BIO
 (except BIO174), CHM, ECE, EEE, ENV, GLG, GPH, and/or PHY)
- H. Awareness Areas..... **0-6**
 Courses may be used to satisfy other AGEC requirements and one or more Awareness Area(s). (See [AGEC matrix](#) for current course values.)
1. Cultural Diversity in the United States [C]..... (0-3)
 2. Global Awareness [G] OR Historical Awareness [H]..... (0-3)
- V. MCCCD Additional Requirements..... **0-6**

Some courses in this area have [SB] and [L] designations and may also be applied to the corresponding AGEC requirements. See the [AGEC matrix](#) on aztransfer.com for course designations.

- A. Oral Communication..... (0-3)
 - COM100 [SB] Introduction to Human Communication OR
 - COM110 [SB] Interpersonal Communication OR
 - COM225 [L] Public Speaking OR
 - COM230 [SB] Small Group Communication (3 credits) OR
 - COM100AA & COM100AB & COM100AC [SB] (3 credits) OR
 - COM110AA & COM110AB & COM110AC [SB] (3 credits)
- B. Critical Reading..... (0-3)
 - CRE101 [L] Critical Reading OR equivalent as indicated by assessment

VI. General Electives..... 0-28

Select courses 100-level or higher if needed to complete a minimum of 60 semester credits but no more than a total of 64 semester credits, which is the maximum number of credits accepted toward most degree programs at Arizona’s public universities. Ideally, students should select courses that meet requirements for their major/area of interest and transfer institution. See General Associate Degree Academic Policies for further details, limitations, and guidelines.

Maricopa courses and external courses evaluated as Maricopa equivalents, departmental electives (e.g., HISELC for a history elective), or general electives (GENELC) that are numbered 100 level or higher, and completed with a grade of "C" or higher, may be applied in the elective area, regardless of potential transferability to other institutions. It is recommended, however, that students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution meet these general elective requirements with courses that are transferable and applicable to their intended university degree. Transfer and major guides are accessible on the following websites: aztransfer.com, maricopa.edu/transfer/partners, as well as those of individual universities. For appropriate course selection, students should consult with an academic advisor.

TOTAL..... 60-64***

*FYC 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.

** (0 only if shared with HU or SB)

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