

**Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)
2022-2023 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 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 Arts, 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).
- FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE is required (FYE101 OR FYE103)

- 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 bachelor 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.

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| FYE101 Introduction to College, Career and Personal Success (1) OR | |
| FYE103 Exploration of College, Career and Personal Success (3) 1-3..... | 1-3 |
| 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 AGECE 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**](#), 254AA
***Must be taken with CSCI00AA or AB to meet AGECE value*
ECH Early Childhood Education 238
EDU Education [115](#)
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(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
FMP Film, Media, & Production 215
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
MUC Music: Commercial/Business [180](#)
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](#)
FMT Film, Media, and Theatre [107](#)
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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MGT Management [229, 230](#)

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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](#)

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, 125](#)

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](#)

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, 270](#)

ASB Anthropology [100, 102, 202, 211, 222, 223, 226, 230, 235, 252](#)

ASM Anthropology [104/275](#)

BHS Behavioral Health Services Technology [150, 155, 175, 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](#)

CAP Counseling and Applied Psychology [120](#)

CPD Counseling and Personal Development [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](#)

(Social-Behavioral Sciences Continued)

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, 235, 240, 241, 243, 250, 260, 262, 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 [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 (Soc/Behv. Science) [231](#)

ASM Anthropology (Science/Math) [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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(Literacy and Critical Inquiry Continued)

CPD Counseling and Personal Development [160](#)

CRE Critical Reading [101, 201](#)

CUL Culinary Arts [223](#)

DAH Dance Humanities [255](#)

EDU Education [220, 282AC](#)

ENG English [111, 200, 215, 216, 217, 218](#)

ENH English Humanities [241, 253, 254, 255, 277AE,](#)

[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, 210, 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.

*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.