

**Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)  
2024-2025 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. **Required Courses** (1-3 credits)

First Year Experience (all courses completed with a grade of “C” or better)

II. **General Education** (minimum of 35 credits)

**Core Areas** (all courses completed with a grade of “C” or better)

- First-Year Composition
- Mathematics
- Computer Usage
- Oral Communication
- Critical Reading

**Distribution Areas** (all courses completed with a grade of “D” or better):

- Humanities, Arts and Design
- Social-Behavioral Sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Literacy and Critical Inquiry

III. **General Electives** (enough additional courses numbered 100 or above, completed 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 by the Maricopa Community Colleges: Associate in Arts (AA); Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AAEE); Associate in Arts, Fine Arts (AAFA); Associate in Business-General Requirements (ABUS-GR); Associate in Business-Special Requirements (ABUS-SR); Associate in Science (AS); and all emphases of these degrees

**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 (FYE 101 or FYE 103).
- A single course can simultaneously count toward a Core Area and a Distribution Area 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 of the 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 completed with 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.
- Courses with different credit systems (quarter hours, trimester, units) are converted to semester credit hours. The recovery of a deficiency in a requirement (Prerequisites, Required Courses, Restricted Electives, or General Education) category due to a quarter-hour or other credit system application will be determined by the college.
- Completion of the AGS with a minimum Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) of at least 2.0 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’s 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 categories is described following the outline.

<b>I. Required Courses</b> .....	<b>1-3</b>
FYE101 Introduction to College, Career and Personal Success OR	
FYE103 Exploration of College, Career and Personal Success	
<b>II. MCCC General Education</b> .....	<b>35-48*</b>
<b>Core Areas</b> .....	<b>13-19</b>
1. First-Year Composition.....	<b>6*</b>
ENG101 OR ENG107 AND	
ENG102 OR ENG108	
2. Mathematics .....	3-6
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 &amp; COM100AB &amp; COM100AC</u> (3 credits) OR	
<u>COM110AA &amp; COM110AB &amp; 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	
<b>Distribution Areas</b> .....	<b>22-29</b>
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. If COM100, COM110, or COM230 is shared between the AGS' Core and Distribution areas, the Social-Behavioral Sciences requirements for the degree may be met with just 6 additional credits in this area (see Academic Policies section on prior page). The credits for the shared COM course are only counted once, but they may be applied to meet both 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
The Literacy and Critical Inquiry requirement may be met by CRE101 (which also satisfies Critical Reading) or COM225 (which also satisfies Oral Communication) with a grade of "C" or better. The credits for shared courses are only counted once, but may be applied to meet both a Core (see course list above) and a Distribution Area requirement.	
Alternatively, the Literacy and Critical Inquiry requirement may be met with a grade of "D" or better by selecting an additional 3 credits from the list of approved options.	
<b>I. General Electives</b> .....	<b>13-26</b>
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.	
<b>Associate in General Studies Total Credits</b> .....	<b>60-64</b>

\*First-Year Composition may be met with fewer than 6 credits if a 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.

AGEC designations are subject to change. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.

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

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### 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, 188, 206, 212, 213, 217, 218, 220, 221, 225, 227, 230, 231, 240, 241, 256, 257, 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

ABS Applied Biological Sciences [283](#)

AJS Administration of Justice Studies 205

ARC Architecture 243, 244, 245

AVC Art and Visual Communication 100, 169, 170, 173, 175, 177, 179, any 180++ course, 183, 283, 289

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 CSC100AA or AB to meet AGEC 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

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](#)

MUC Music: Commercial/Business 180, 191

NET Networking Technology 181

OAS Office Automation Systems 111AA

PSY Psychology [230, 230WL](#)

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, 202, 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](#)

DAH Dance Humanities [100, 201, 250, 255](#)

EDU Education [230, 291, 292, 294](#)

EED Early Education [225](#)

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, 220, 221, 222, 230, 231, 232, 235, 241, 242, 245, 251, 253, 254, 255, 256, 259, 260, 275, 277, 277AE, 277AG, 277AA-AK, 280, 284, 285, 291, 294, 295](#)

FMT Film, Media, and Theatre [107](#)

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](#)

JPH Japanese Humanities [245](#)

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](#), [234AA](#), [233AC](#), [244](#), [245](#), 250, [251](#), 282AC
- QST Queer Studies [200](#), [210](#)
- REL Religious Studies Any REL Course(s), [100](#), [101](#), [151](#), [200](#), [201](#), [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](#), [295](#)
- 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](#)
- CAP Counseling and Applied Psychology [120](#)
- 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 Counseling and Personal Development [102AH](#), [180](#)
- ECH Early Childhood Education [176](#)
- ECN Economics [160](#), [211](#), [212](#), [213](#), [250](#)
- EDU Education 221, 222
- EED Early Education 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, 120
- HIS History any HIS Course(s), including 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 113, 114, 140, 145, 190, 201, 203, 204, 209, 240, 241, 242, 273, 277 (and except 111, 170, 173, 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
- PAD Public Administration 200
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- 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](#)
- QST Queer Studies [200](#), [210](#)
- 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](#)
- 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](#), [116](#), [145](#), 149AH, 149AK, 149AL, 149AM, 149AN, [156](#), [156XT](#), [160](#), [181](#), [181XT](#), [182](#), [182XT](#), [201](#), [201XT](#), [202](#), [205](#)
- CHM Chemistry [107&107LL](#), [130&130LL](#), [130AA](#), [140AA](#), [150&151LL](#), [150AA](#), [151&151LL](#), [151AA](#), [152&152LL](#), [152AA](#), [230AA](#), [230&230LL](#)
- CON Construction [106](#)
- 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](#)
- CAP Counseling and Applied Psychology [260](#)
- 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 [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 [212](#), [225](#), [235](#), [250](#), [251](#)  
IFS Information Studies [201](#)  
JRN Journalism [201](#), [234](#)  
MCO Mass Communications [220](#)  
MHL Music: History/Literature [204](#)  
PHI Philosophy [103](#), [214](#), [218](#), [224](#), [244](#)  
POS Political Science [115](#)  
PSY Psychology [290AB](#), [290AC](#)  
REL Religious Studies [203](#), [205](#), [207](#)  
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.