

**Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)
2025-2026 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. Students must complete FYE 101 (1) or FYE 103 (3) ([see General Graduation Requirements Administrative Regulation 2.3.9](#)).
- 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.

- I. **Required Courses**..... 1-3
FYE101 Introduction to College, Career and Personal Success OR
FYE103 Exploration of College, Career and Personal Success
- II. **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. 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 Inquiry0-3
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.
- III. **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. Industry-recognized credentials can be counted as general electives.

Associate in General Studies Total Credits..... 60-64

*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 at aztransfer.com/tools/ 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.

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 (0-3 credits)

CRE Critical Reading [101](#) or Equivalent as indicated by assessment

Mathematics (3-6 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, 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](#) (and except 200, 200AA, 200AB 210, 210AA, 210AB)

CTR Court Reporting 101, 102

DFT Drafting Technology [105AA**](#), 254AA

***Must be taken with CSCI100AA or AB to meet AGEC value*

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](#)

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.

AFR African American Studies [203](#)

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](#)

AVC Art and Visual Communication [150](#)

CCS Chicana and Chicano Studies [101](#)

COM Communication [150, 241](#)

CON Construction [101](#)

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

ECE Engineering Science [150](#)

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 , 216 , 218 , 224 , 234 , 244 , 245 , 251
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, 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
FSC	Fire Science Technology 258
GCU	Cultural Geography 102 , 113 , 121WG , 141 , 221
HES	Health Science 100 , 120
HIS	History any HIS Course(s), including 100, 101 , 102 , 103 , 104 , 105 , 106 , 108 , 1095 , 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 , 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
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 , 111 , 112 , 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](#)
POS Political Science [115](#)
PSY Psychology [290AB](#), [290AC](#)
REL Religious Studies [203](#), [205](#), [207](#)
SLC Studies in Language & Culture [202](#)
TEC Textiles and Clothing [105](#)
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.