

Associate in Arts Degree (AA)



An Associate in Arts Degree provides students the skills and knowledge to continue on to a four-year degree program or to move directly into the workforce. Workers who earn an Associate Degree increase their earning power.

PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE . . .

- ✓ Earning an Associate in Arts Degree from SMC will prepare you for the next step in your education. It is designed to transfer into a four-year degree program, including our Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
- ✓ With an Associate in Arts Degree, you will receive a quality liberal arts education in general studies leading to a four-year degree program, opening doors to careers in teaching, human resources, operations, and more.
- ✓ Research shows that people who earn an associate degree typically earn up to \$8,000 more per year than those who don't have a degree.

Career Opportunities

Earning an Associate in Arts Degree is the perfect start to continuing on to a Bachelor's Degree. It can also provide the education needed to move into several career opportunities, including:

- Preschool Teacher
- Paralegal
- Human Resources Associate
- Executive Assistant
- Creative Assistant
- Graphic Designer
- Customer Service Representative, and more.



START HERE
*to begin your higher
education journey.*



FINISH HERE
*with the skills you
need to succeed.*



The **Associate in Arts degree** provides the general education courses necessary to transition directly into one of SMC's bachelor's degree programs or transfer to another program. Become a well-rounded student with an Associate in Arts. Instead of choosing one path and sticking to it, this General Studies degree allows you to follow your interests in several different fields. This program is a great fit for students who want to develop their knowledge in several areas or develop a solid foundation for future bachelor's degree coursework.

Course Requirements

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Subject/Course Requirement	Semester Hours
English	
ENGL 101	3
ENGL 102	3
Literature or English 250	3
Computer Science	
CSCI _____	3
History	
HIST _____ (HIST 101, 102, 112, 201 or 202)	3
HIST _____ or Social Science* _____	3
SMC Group	
SMC 101	1
SMC 201	1
Mathematics	
MATH _____ (112 or higher)	3 or 4
Health and Wellness	
_____ (PHED 121, Health 101, 201, 240)	3
Public Speaking	
SPCH 201	3
Religion	
_____ (RELI 103, 211, 212, 215 or 220)	3
_____ (any RELI other than RELI requirement),	3
Literature (any LITR other than LITR requirement),	
Philosophy, or any ARTS, DRAM, or MUSI	
Science	
Science _____	4
Science _____	4
Social Science	
Social Science* _____	3
Social Science* _____	3
Electives	
Electives	11

Total 60 credit hours

*"Social Science" shall be interpreted to mean Anthropology 101; Economics (BSAD 201, 202); Political Science 202, 203; Psychology 101, 201; Sociology 101, 202, 203; Social Work 201; History 101, 102, 112, 201, 202, 210, 220, 230 (other than that course used for History requirement).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAY

Students can earn an Associate degree as a stand-alone qualification, as a stepping stone into further study, or as a guaranteed pathway into SMC's Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, or Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS PATHWAY

The Associate in Arts (AA) prepares students to pursue a bachelor's degree completion program at SMC. An AA degree is based upon a core curriculum of liberal arts courses and elective hours of study in the student's interest area.

TUITION & FEES

The tuition and fees below apply to the 2023-2024 school year. Please note that all tuition and fees are subject to change at any time when circumstances warrant.

Tuition (per academic year)	\$16,200*
Room & Board (per academic year)	\$9,900
Fees (per academic year)	\$3,150

*Tuition rate for full-time students is based on an hourly rate of \$675 per credit hour up to the 12-credit-hour, full-time requirement.