

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. Our online Associate Degree provides students the opportunity to complete their degree at a time and pace that is convenient for them.

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 in Criminal Justice or Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.
- ✓ 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.

ABOUT OUR ONLINE PROGRAMS

All of SMC's online degree programs provide the same coursework, professional development program, and career-based experience opportunities as our traditional, on-campus programs. Students will learn from the same faculty who teach in our classrooms. All advising and other support functions are provided online by staff experienced in serving remote students.



START HERE
*to begin your higher
education journey.*



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

The Associate in Arts degree is designed as a transfer degree and provides the general education courses necessary for successful transfer into a bachelor's degree program in liberal arts and education. 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
ENGL 2 _____ (ENGL 201, 202, 203, 204 or 210)	3
Computer Science	
CSCI _____	3
History	
HIST _____ (HIST 101, 102, 112, 201 or 202)	3
HIST _____ or Social Science* _____	3
SMC Group	
SMC 120	3
Mathematics	
MATH _____ (112 or higher)	3 or 4
Health and Wellness	
_____ (PHED 121, HLTH 101, or HLTH 201)	3
Public Speaking	
SPCH 201	3
Religion	
RELI _____ (RELI 103, 211, 212, 215 or 220)	3
Humanities	
_____ (any RELI other than RELI requirement), or ENGL 201, 202, 203, 204, 210 _____ or PHIL 201 or ARTS 201 or DRAM 101 or MUSI 201	3
Science	
Science _____	4
Science _____	4
Social Science	
Social Science* _____	3
Social Science* _____	3
Electives	
Electives	10
Total 60 credit hours	

*Social Science = ANTH101; BSAD201, 202; POLS202, 203; PSYC101, 201;
SOCI101, 202, 203; HIST101, 102, 112, 201, 202.

Class Schedule

SMC Online offers five eight-week terms per year — August, October, January, March, and May. All SMC Online courses are taught in an asynchronous format, although some courses offer voluntary synchronous sessions throughout the term.

	Start / Stop	Course 1	Course 2	Hours
Fall – 12 Hours Total				
August Term	Aug. – Oct.	_____	_____	6
October Term	Oct. – Dec.	_____	_____	6
Spring – 12 Hours Total				
January Term	Jan. – Mar.	_____	_____	6
March Term	Mar. – May	_____	_____	6
Summer – 6 Hours Total				
May Term	May – Jul.	_____	_____	6

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 a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration degree. Upon admission, the student will declare an Associate degree (AA, ACJ, or AB) as part of the degree plan and will have completed the first two years of a bachelor's degree upon completion of the Associate degree.

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 SMC Online Tuition & 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 so warrant.

Tuition (per credit hour)	\$335.00
Academic Resource Fee (per semester)	\$450.00