

# Associate in Arts Fine Arts Degree



An Associate in Fine Arts Degree is designed for students who plan to continue into a four-year bachelor's degree program and provides students the training and education needed to move immediately into the workforce. Workers who earn an Associate Degree increase their earning power. Our Associate in Fine Arts degree allows you to choose your focus from music, drama, or art, and it is the perfect step to your future in the arts.

## PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE . . .

- ✓ Earning an Associate in Fine Arts Degree from SMC will prepare you for the next step in your education. It is designed to transition into a four-year degree program, including our customizable Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, or Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
- ✓ With an Associate in Fine Arts Degree, you will receive a quality liberal arts education in general studies that can lead you to your passion for your four-year degree and open doors for careers in art, teaching, art history, 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 Fine 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
- Musician
- Actor
- Artist
- Creative Assistant
- Graphic Designer, and more.



**START HERE**  
*to begin your higher  
education journey.*



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



The Associate in Fine 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 Fine 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
<b>English</b>	
ENGL 101	3
ENGL 102	3
Literature or English 250	3
<b>Computer Science</b>	
CSCI _____	3
<b>History</b>	
HIST _____ (HIST 101, 102, or 112)	3
<b>SMC Group</b>	
SMC 101	1
SMC 201	1
<b>Mathematics</b>	
MATH _____ (112 or higher)	3 or 4
<b>Health and Wellness</b>	
_____ (PHED 121, Health 101, 201, 240)	3
<b>Public Speaking</b>	
SPCH 201	3
<b>Religion</b>	
_____ (RELI 103, 211, 212, 215 or 220)	3
<b>Arts, Drama, Music</b>	
to be chosen in consultation with advisor, within the student's discipline(s) of choice	12
_____ (choose one outside of specific discipline or ENGL 206)	3
<b>Science</b>	
Science _____	4
Science _____	4
<b>Social Science</b>	
Social Science* _____	3
Social Science* _____ or PHIL 201	3
<b>Electives</b>	
Electives	2
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 degrees.

## ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS PATHWAY

The Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) prepares students to pursue a bachelor's degree completion program at SMC. An AFA 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 2024-2025 school year. Please note that all tuition and fees are subject to change at any time when circumstances warrant.

Tuition (per academic year)	\$17,400*
Room & Board (per academic year)	\$10,200
Fees (per academic year)	\$3,250

\*Tuition rate for full-time students is based on an hourly rate of \$725 per credit hour up to the 12-credit-hour, full-time requirement.