

# Associate in Science Degree



An Associate in Science 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 Science degree is the perfect first step to a career in the STEM fields.

## PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE . . .

- ✓ Earning an Associate in Science 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 Science 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 the healthcare, veterinary, and physical and natural sciences.
- ✓ 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 Science 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:

- Laboratory assistant
- Medical assistant
- Engineering technician
- Web developer
- Data science assistant, and more.



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



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



The Associate in Science 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 Science. 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
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#### History

HIST _____ (HIST 101, 102, 112, 201 or 202)	3
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#### SMC Group

SMC 101	1
SMC 201	1

#### Mathematics

MATH _____ (121, 122, 210, 221, 222, or 112 <sup>1</sup> )	6 or 8
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#### Health and Wellness

_____ (PHED 121, Health 101, 201, 240)	3
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#### Public Speaking

SPCH 201	3
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#### Religion

_____ (RELI 103, 211, 212, 215 or 220)	3
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#### Science

Science (Other than Physical Science or Biology 106) <sup>3</sup>	8
Science (Other than Physical Science or Biology 106) or MATH from list above or CSCI (not CSCI 101)	3 or 4

#### Social Science

Social Science <sup>2</sup> _____	3
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#### Electives

Electives	14
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Total 60 credit hours

<sup>1</sup>Select 2 courses from the Math courses listed above. Math 112 is not a pre-requisite for the other Math courses listed.

<sup>2</sup>“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).

<sup>3</sup>Most advisement models for those entering the disciplines of Science, Nursing, Engineering, and others will require more than 8 hours of Science.

## 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 SCIENCE PATHWAY

The Associate in Science prepares students to pursue a bachelor's degree completion program at SMC. A Science 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.