

Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Winona, Red Wing, and Online



OVERVIEW

A well-rounded education, with a range of coursework in the arts, humanities, mathematics, and sciences, provides the basis for lifelong learning. By earning an Associate of Arts degree at Minnesota State College Southeast, you gain a credential you can take with you to transfer into a four-year college or university program as a junior in college.

The study of liberal arts and sciences isn't just about memorizing facts - it's learning how to learn, so you will be prepared to adapt to an ever-changing world. You are not training for a specific job but gaining the communications and reasoning skills that will enhance your career opportunities in any area you might pursue in the future.

Workforce Readiness

There is an increasing national need for all working-age adults to possess at least two years of higher education. Our region's workforce communities have indicated that they are seeking "well-rounded" individuals who possess strong critical thinking, problem solving, and communications skills. With an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, you will be better qualified to pursue your career options.

Students can finish an Associate of Arts degree within four semesters at MSC Southeast. All essential courses are offered every semester, and the college offers evening classes, online classes, and hybrid classes. A full array of Liberal Arts and Sciences courses are available at both the Red Wing and Winona campuses.

MAJORS WITHIN

Associate of Arts 60 credits
See back side for MnTC requirements

TRANSFER

Learn how your credits can transfer between Minnesota State colleges and universities at www.mntransfer.org.

This is a web service that enables students and advisors to access official, consistent and accurate transfer information. MnTransfer is a collaborative effort among:

- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Minnesota private colleges
- University of Minnesota

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Build skills and knowledge that will remain relevant today, tomorrow, and beyond

Gain high-demand analytical, communication and critical thinking, skills

Meet general education requirements needed for transfer

Choose electives that are appropriate for your planned transfer program

Small class sizes and dedicated faculty

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

An associate of arts degree is the foundation of your future education. This degree is designed for transfer to 4-year colleges and universities. However, the lifelong skills and abilities mastered in the Associate of Arts program will serve students who may enter the workforce directly after completing the degree.

PROGRAM COSTS - estimated cost including tuition, books and supplies

Liberal Arts and Sciences AA Degree
\$13,275



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Sample Full-time Program Plan

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
First Semester (Fall)		
ENGL 1215	College Writing I	3
COMM 1218 or	College Speech	
COMM 1228	Interpersonal Communications	3
MNTC Goal 5	History/Social/Behavioral Science (1st discipline)	3
MNTC Goal 6	Humanities/Fine Arts (1st discipline)	3
INSP 1525	Career and Educational Planning	1
HLTH	Any 1000 level Hlth course	1
COMP	Any 1000 level Comp course	1
Semester total		15
Second Semester (Spring)		
ENGL 2525	College Writing 2	3
MNTC Goal 3	Natural Science (without lab)	3
MNTC Goal 4	Mathematics	3
MNTC Goal 5	History/Social/Behavioral Science (2nd discipline)	3
MNTC Goal 6	Humanities/Fine Arts (2nd discipline)	3
Semester total		15
Third Semester (Fall)		
MNTC Goal 3	Natural Science (with lab)	4
MNTC Goal 5	History/Social/Behavioral Science	3
MNTC Goal 6	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
Any Course	1000 or above	3
HLTH	Any 1000 level Hlth course	1
COMP	Any 1000 level Comp course	1
Semester total		15
Fourth Semester Spring		
MNTC Any	Any 1100 or above	3
Any Course	1000 or above	3
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Semester total		15
Total Required Credits		60

See next page for additional AA planning worksheet

Minnesota State College Southeast: ASSOCIATE OF ARTS Degree or MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM Plan

(AA: 40 MnTC credits, 4 Additional credits and 16 Liberal Arts and Sciences credits)

Student Name _____ Student ID Number _____ Date _____

Part I. Gen Eds for Transfer Curriculum Courses					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
Goal 1: Written and Oral Communications (9 cr)					
		College Writing I (required)	3		
		College Speech OR Interpersonal Communications (required)	3		
		College Writing II (required)	3		
Goal 2: Critical Thinking (0 – 3 cr)					
Goal 3: Natural Science (two courses from two different subjects 6 - 8 cr – one course with traditional lab)					
Goal 4: Mathematical / Logical Reasoning (one course 3 cr)					
Goal 5: History and the Social Behavioral Sciences (three courses from at least 2 different subjects 9 cr)					
Goal 6: The Humanities (three courses from at least 2 different subjects 9 cr)					
Goal 7: Human Diversity (one course 3 cr)					
Goal 8: Global Perspective (one course 3 cr)					

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (one course 3 cr)					
Goal 10: People and the Environment (one course 3 cr)					

Part II. Additional Requirements for AA Degree					
Health and Wellness Requirement (2 cr)					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
Technology Requirement (2 cr)					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term

Part III. Elective Courses for AA Degree					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
Elective Required credits (16 credits)					

Be sure your AA Degree Plan is approved by your advisor. Changes may be made to this plan by meeting with the AA Degree Advisor.

AA Degree Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

AA Degree Checklist -

- I have received 33% or more of the program credits from MSC Southeast.
- I have earned a 2.0 GPA or greater. My overall GPA _____. My Mn Transfer Curriculum GPA _____.
- My AA plan has been approved by my AA Degree Advisor, including:
 - I have met the Transfer Goals credit requirement. Part I
 - I have met the Additional requirements. Part II
 - I have met the Elective credit requirements. Part III
- Once this plan has been successfully completed, you are ready to apply for graduation. See your AA Degree Advisor.