

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.) DEGREE

The Associate in Arts Degree is designed for transfer to other colleges and universities. Students who expect to earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree at any other institution in any of the following fields should plan to register at WVU Parkersburg for this degree.

Major Fields: Art, Education, English, French, Geography, German, History, Journalism, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Social Work, Sociology, Spanish, Speech, and Theatre.

Graduation Requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 64 semester hours credit in courses outlined below.
2. Complete the 46 hour general education curriculum outlined below.
3. Complete at least 15 hours of free elective credit in courses that are appropriate to the proposed major.
4. Complete at least 16 credit hours at WVU Parkersburg.
5. Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
6. File application to receive a degree at the Registrar's Office prior to stated deadline.

GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE	
General Education Competencies for the Associate of Arts (AA)	
Communication	
Develop appropriate competencies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing • Speaking • Listening • Reading 	9 hours required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENGL 101 • ENGL 102 • SPCH 111 or 112
Higher Order Thinking Skills	
Develop appropriate competencies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving • Abstract inquiry • Logical reasoning • Quantitative literacy 	3 hours required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 121 or higher
Scientific Inquiry	
Develop appropriate competencies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific method • Problem solving • Critical thinking 	8 hours required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two sequentially numbered lab science courses in one discipline or two lab science courses in different disciplines
Historical and Diverse Perspectives	
Develop appropriate competencies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global issues • Ethical perspectives • Cultural value • Historical perspectives 	14 hours required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 hours from Psychology, Sociology, or Religion • 3 hours from Philosophy, Political Science, History, Geography, or Economics • 6 hours from at least two of the following disciplines: Economics, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Geography • 2 hours from HPER
Express/develop/promote/value aesthetic awareness	
Develop appropriate competencies in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expression of ideas • Appreciation of Fine and performing arts • Understanding literature • Critical thinking 	12 hours required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be from Fine Arts, Literature, and Foreign Language • 3 hours required from Group A; 3 hours required from Group B; an additional 6 hours from one of the Groups A, B, or C to be determined by the student's transfer program • Group A: ART 101, MUSI 170, or THEA 101 • Group B: ENGL 131, 132, 221, 222, 261, 262, 241, 242, 285 • Group C: Two sequentially numbered foreign language courses 100 level or above
TOTAL HOURS	46 hours
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FREE ELECTIVE COURSES	<u>15 hrs.</u>
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE	61 hrs.