

Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts degree is offered both online and on campus.

The Associate of Arts (AA) includes education across academic disciplines. Focusing on integration of information while increasing a student's employability, the AA is designed for transfer-ability to a baccalaureate program.

Upon completion of the 31 credits required in the core, students are eligible to receive a Certificate in General Studies from Great Falls College MSU. The Certificate recognizes the completion of the core and is approved by the Montana University System Board of Regents. Students may use the Certificate to demonstrate completion of the core when transferring within the MUS or as a milestone to earning an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Great Falls College MSU.

To receive the AA degree, the following requirements must be completed:

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
Montana University System Core Requirements		31	_____
Computer Skills/Usage requirement		3	_____
Coursework in Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences		9	_____
Electives		17	_____
Final cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0			
Total Credits		60	_____

Courses taken to fulfill one specific requirement, including courses in the Elective block, may not be used to fulfill another specific requirement; thus, a course taken to fulfill the Natural Science requirement in the Montana University System Core may not be used as an Elective.

Outcomes

Graduates are prepared to:

- Express and support a position clearly through formal communication.
- Apply quantitative reasoning skills to solve problems.
- Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of artistic expressions or the humanities in various past and present cultures.
- Analyze and interpret various forms of information using scientific concepts and principles and draw meaningful conclusions.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of social science principles or historical events as they relate to contemporary society.
- Recognize the value of cultural diversity in society.
- Recognize the distinct and unique heritage of American Indians.
- Use appropriate technologies for personal, academic and career tasks.

Estimated Cost

Estimated Resident Program Cost*

Tuition and Fees	\$8,056
Lab Fees	\$85
Books/Supplies	\$2,091
Total	\$10,232

* Fall 2024 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums may be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website ([http://](http://students.gfcmsu.edu/insurance.html)

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Program Requirements

Many Students need preliminary math, science, and writing courses before enrolling in the program requirements. These courses may increase the total number of program credits. Students should review their math and writing placement before planning out their full program schedules.

Students who plan to transfer should consult with the intended receiving institution to determine whether or not additional core courses may be required to satisfy the institution's General Education Core.

Offered Online and On Campus

I. Montana University System Core Courses - 31 semester hours

Communication - 6 Credits (3 credits written, 3 credits verbal)

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
Written			
WRIT 101	College Writing I **+	3	_____
Verbal			
COMX 111	Introduction to Public Speaking +	3	_____
COMX 115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication +	3	_____

Mathematics - 3 Credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
M 105	Contemporary Mathematics **+	3	_____
STAT 216	Introduction to Statistics **+	4	_____
OR	any math course in the MUS Core **+	3-4	_____

Humanities/Fine Arts - 6 Credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
Humanities			
BGEN 220	Business Ethics and Social Responsibility +	3	_____
CRWR 240	Introduction Creative Writing Workshop +	3	_____
LIT 110	Introduction to Literature +	3	_____
LIT 270	Film and Literature **,+	3	_____
LIT 285	Mythologies (Can only be counted for Humanities OR Cultural Diversity) +	3	_____
LSH 201	Introduction to the Humanities +	3	_____
PHL 101	Introduction to Philosophy +	3	_____
PHL 110	Introduction to Ethics +	3	_____
WGSS 242	Gender and Equality +	3	_____
Fine Arts			
ARTH 160	Global Visual Culture +	3	_____
ARTZ 101	Art Fundamentals +	3	_____
ARTZ 105	Visual Language-Drawing +	3	_____
ARTZ 106	Visual Language -2-D Foundations +	3	_____
ARTZ 224	Watercolor I +	3	_____
MUSI 101	Enjoyment of Music +	3	_____
MUSI 103	Fundamentals of Musical Creation +	3	_____
MUSI 203	American Popular Music +	3	_____
MUSI 207	World Music (= to 307) +	3	_____
PHOT 154	Exploring Digital Photography +	3	_____

Natural Science - 7 Credits (Must include 1 lab course)

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
BIOB 101	Discover Biology w/ Lab +	4	_____
BIOB 160	Principles of Living Systems w/ Lab **,+	4	_____
BIOB 170	Principles of Biological Diversity w/ Lab **,+	4	_____
BIOH 104	Basic Human Biology w/ Lab +	4	_____
BIOH 108	Basic Anatomy +	4	_____
BIOH 112	Human Form and Function I +	4	_____
CHMY 101	Discover Chemistry **,+	3	_____
CHMY 121	Intro to General Chem w/Lab **,+	4	_____
CHMY 141	College Chemistry I w/Lab **,+	4	_____
CHMY 143	College Chemistry II w/Lab **,+	4	_____
GEO 101	Introduction to Physical Geology w/Lab +	4	_____
NUTR 221	Basic Human Nutrition +	3	_____
PHSX 105	Fundamentals of Physical Science w/ Lab +	4	_____
PHSX 205	College Physics I w/Lab **,+	4	_____
PHSX 220	Physics I w/Lab **,+	4	_____

Social Sciences/History - 6 Credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
Social Sciences			
ANTY 101	Anthropology and the Human Experience (Can only be counted for Social Sciences OR Cultural Diversity) +	3	_____
BGEN 105	Introduction to Business +	3	_____
CJUS 121	Introduction to Criminal Justice +	3	_____
ECNS 201	Principles of Microeconomics +	3	_____
ECNS 202	Principles of Macroeconomics +	3	_____
PSCI 210	Introduction to American Government +	3	_____
PSYX 100	Introduction to Psychology +	3	_____
PSYX 230	Developmental Psychology +	3	_____
PSYX 240	Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology **,+	3	_____
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology +	3	_____
History			
HSTA 101	American History I (N) +	3	_____
HSTA 102	American History II (N) +	3	_____
HSTA 255	Montana History (N) +	3	_____
HSTR 160	Modern World History +	3	_____
NASX 105	Introduction to Native American Studies ((N) Can only be counted for History OR Cultural Diversity) +	3	_____

Cultural Diversity - 3 Credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
ANTY 101	Anthropology and the Human Experience (Can only be counted for Social Sciences OR Cultural Diversity) +	3	_____
CAS 140	Addictions and Diversity (N) +	3	_____
LIT 285	Mythologies (Can only be counted for Humanities OR Cultural Diversity) +	3	_____
NASX 105	Introduction to Native American Studies ((N) Can only be counted for History OR Cultural Diversity) +	3	_____
NASX 204	Introduction to Native American Beliefs and Philosophy (N) +	3	_____
NASX 232	Montana Indians: Cultures, Histories, Current Issues (= to 332) (N) +	3	_____
NASX 240	Native American Literature (=340) (N) +	3	_____
SIGN 101	Introduction to American Sign Language +	3	_____
SPNS 101	Elementary Spanish I +	4	_____
SPNS 102	Elementary Spanish II **,+	4	_____

Cultural Heritage of American Indians - 3 Credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
Courses with an "N" behind the course title will fulfill the Cultural Heritage of American Indians requirement as well as a designated core area requirement. +			

II. Computer Skills/Usage - 3 credits

MATH 108, M 108, M 111, M 120, M 191A, M 191B, ENGL 118,
ENGL 119, ENGL 120

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
CAPP 131	Basic MS Office +	3	_____
OR a satisfactory Computer Skills test score.			

III. Concentration in Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences - 9 credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
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Students may choose coursework numbered 100 or above from any of the following discipline areas to complete the required 9 credits of coursework in arts, humanities, and social sciences. +

(ACTG) Accounting
(ARTH) (ARTZ) Art
(ANTY) Anthropology
(BGEN) Business General
(BMGT) Business Management
(BMKT) Business Marketing
(CAS) Chemical Addiction Studies
(COMX) Communications
(CJUS) Criminal Justice
(CRWR) Creative Writing
(ECNS) Economics
(EDU 221 only) Educational Psychology
(HSTA) (HSTR) History
(LSH) (WGSS) Humanities
(LIT) Literature
(MUSI) Music
(NASX) Native American Studies
(PHL) Philosophy
(PSCI) Political Science
(PSYX) Psychology
(SIGN) American Sign Languages
(SOCI) Sociology
(SPNS) Spanish
(SW) Social Work
(WRIT) Writing

Courses numbered 194 will not be applied to the concentration area.

IV. Electives - 17 credits

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
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Students may choose coursework numbered 100 or above from any discipline area to complete the required 17 credits of electives. ***

No more than 5 credits of courses numbered 194 may be applied toward the Degree.

Total Program Credits - 60

+ A grade of C- or above is required for graduation.

* Indicates prerequisites needed.

** Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment.

***Students may not choose or may not count the following courses:

COMX 102, WRIT 104, MATH 100, MATH 101, MATH 103, MATH 104,