

Associate Degrees

Piedmont Community College offers three transfer degrees, the Associate in Arts (AA), the Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) and the Associate in Science (AS). All degrees provide students with a general education core, the foundation for a four-year baccalaureate degree. Courses are offered in the areas of English, literature, fine arts, foreign language, social and behavioral sciences, natural science, mathematics and physical education.

Through the use of approved electives, students may focus on specific areas, such as pre-business administration, pre-business education, pre-computer science, pre-criminal justice, pre-elementary education, pre-engineering, pre-mass communications and journalism, pre-secondary education, or pre-nursing. Upon successful completion of 65 semester hours of these courses, students will earn an Associate in Arts degree, Associate in Fine Arts degree, or Associate in Science degree from Piedmont Community College.

Transfer will be facilitated by the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) between the 16 members of the University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Community College System.

The CAA will enable PCC graduates in the AA, the AFA, or the AS degree programs to apply for admission to one of the 16 university system institutions or to one of the 22

private colleges and universities in North Carolina. Upon acceptance, these students will enter as juniors and will have fulfilled institution-wide, lower division, general education requirements.

Courses are approved for transfer through the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Community college graduates who have earned 64 semester hours of academic credit in approved transfer courses with a grade of "C" or better in each course and an overall GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale will receive at least 64 semester hours of academic credit upon admission to a university. Courses may also transfer through bilateral agreements between institutions. Courses offered through bilateral agreements may not transfer to all receiving institutions.

All students will be assigned a faculty advisor who will guide them through the program and assist with the transfer process. Students are encouraged to contact their chosen four-year institution early in the Transfer Program.

The Associate in General Education (AGE) is a degree designed for students who complete 64-semester hours credit (SHC) of broad-based liberal arts classes. This program of study is not necessarily a transfer program.

Associate in Arts Degree

Program Requirements

Hours Per Week
CL. LB. CLINIC CR.

General Education Core (44 SHC)*

Composition (6 SHC)

Two English composition courses are required.

ENG 111 Expository Writing *is required as the first composition course.* 3 0 0 3

The second composition course must be selected from the following:

ENG 112 Argument-Based Research 3 0 0 3

ENG 113 Literature-Based Research 3 0 0 3

ENG 114 Professional Research and Reporting 3 0 0 3

Humanities/Fine Arts (12 SHC).

Four courses from at least three discipline areas are required.

One course must be COM 231 Public Speaking.

One course must be a 200-level literature course (ENG).

The remaining two courses may be selected from the following discipline areas:

ART Art COM Speech/communication

DAN Dance FRE/SPA Foreign languages

MUS Music DRA Drama

PHI Philosophy REL Religion

ENG Literature HUM Humanities

Social/Behavioral Sciences (12 SHC).

Four courses from at least three discipline areas are required.

One course must be a history (HIS) course.

The remaining three courses may be selected from the following discipline areas:

ANT Anthropology ECO Economics

GEO Geography POL Political science

PSY Psychology SOC Sociology.

Natural Sciences/Mathematics (14 SHC)

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Select two natural science courses, including laboratory work from the following discipline areas:

BIO Biology CHM Chemistry

PHY Physics

Mathematics (6 SHC)

Select two of the following courses; prerequisites must be satisfied:

MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra 3 0 0 3

MAT 140 Survey of Mathematics 3 0 0 3

MAT 155 Statistical Algebra 3 0 0 3

MAT 172 Precalculus Trigonometry 3 0 0 3

Other Required Courses (21 SHC)*

ACA 111 College Student Success 1 0 0 1

CIS 110 Introduction to Computers 2 2 0 3

PED *** (2 SHC required, 3 SHC accepted)

The remaining hours (14-15 SHC) may be selected from elective transfer courses.

Note: total hours in this category must be 21 SHC.

Total Semester Hours Required for Associate in Arts Degree: 65

All courses in this program are available by distance education except for the courses with a lab component.

**Students must meet the university's foreign language and/or health and physical education requirements, if applicable, prior to or after transfer to the senior institution.*

Associate in Fine Arts*Program Requirements*

Hours Per Week
CL. LB. CLINIC CR.

General Education Core (28 SHC)***Composition (6 SHC)**

Two English composition courses are required.

ENG 111	Expository Writing <i>is required as the first composition course.</i>	3	0	0	3
The second composition course must be selected from the following:					
ENG 112	Argument-Based Research	3	0	0	3
ENG 113	Literature-Based Research	3	0	0	3
ENG 114	Professional Research and Reporting	3	0	0	3

Humanities/Fine Arts (6 SHC).

Two courses from two discipline areas are required. One course must be a literature course (ENG). One additional general education course from the following discipline areas is required:

ART	Art	COM	Communication
DRA	Drama	FRE/SPA	Foreign languages
HUM	Interdisciplinary humanities	MUS	Music
PHI	Philosophy	REL	Religion

Social/Behavioral Sciences (9 SHC).

Three courses from three discipline areas are required. One course must be a history course. Two additional general education core courses from the following discipline areas are required:

ANT	Anthropology	ECO	Economics
GEO	Geography	POL	Political science
PSY	Psychology	SOC	Sociology.

Natural Sciences/Mathematics (7 SHC)

One course (4 SHC) must be selected, including accompanying laboratory work, from the following:

BIO 110	Principles of Biology	3	3	0	4
BIO 111	General Biology I	3	3	0	4
CHM 131/131A	Introduction to Chemistry	3	0	0	3
CHM 151	General Chemistry	3	0	0	4
PHY 110/110A	Conceptual Physics	3	0	0	3
PHY 151	College Physics I	3	2	0	4
PHY 251	General Physics I	3	3	0	4
One course (3 SHC), is required.					
MAT 140	Survey of Mathematics	3	0	0	3
MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra	3	0	0	3

Other Required Hours (3 SHC):

ACA 111	College Student Success	1	0	0	1
PED	Physical Education				

Required Major Hours (34 SHC)**Foreign Language (6 SCH)****Major Hours (28 SCH) from the following courses:**

Pre-major concentrations are available in Art ART, Music MUS, Music/Voice MUS, Drama DRA, and Dance DAN:

*COM 231 (can replace HUM class)

*ENG 132 (Intro to Drama)

Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC) in Program: 65

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