



## How to Follow an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Degree Curricular Guide

The Associate in Arts in Transfer Studies and Associate in Science in Transfer Studies are designed for students intending to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in a chosen major. They are comprised of 3 sections: I) **General Education – MTA**, II) **Required Courses within the Major**, and III) **Electives**. In addition, the curriculum guides may have a **Notes** section containing advisory information.

### **I. General Education – MTA**

This fulfills the Michigan Transfer Agreement between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan. Students should check with their intended school(s) early on to determine which choices are best, and whether any other general education requirements will be needed for transfer. This section requires at least 30 credits, with a minimum grade of 2.0 needed for each course.

### **II. Required Courses within the Major**

This is intended to provide the foundation of the bachelor's major. Students should check with their intended school(s) early on to determine exactly which courses will be needed for transfer. For curricula of Fall 2016 and later, a minimum grade of 2.0 is needed for each Major course.

Where applicable, courses appearing in both **I. General Education – MTA** and **II. Required Courses within the Major** can be used in both areas, subject to the facts that 1) the credits count only once in the LCC total and 2) the MTA categories of **C. Humanities and Fine Arts**, **E. Natural Sciences**, and **F. Social Science** still each require courses of two different disciplines, or alpha-codes.

For example, a student focusing on Psychology in the AA in Transfer Studies would take a number of PSYC courses for **II. Required Courses within the Major**. One of these also can be used toward the **F. Social Science** category of **I. General Education – MTA**, but the second course in **F. Social Science** must be something besides PSYC.

### **III. Electives**

These enable the student to reach the LCC requirement of having a minimum of 60 credits in the academic program. Usually courses will be chosen to fit the minor(s) or cognate(s) that will complement the major in the bachelor's degree. Students should check with their intended school(s) early on to determine what courses will be best for transfer. For curricula of Fall 2016 and later, a minimum grade of 2.0 is needed for each Elective course.

In any event, remember that courses used toward **I. General Education – MTA** or **II. Required Courses within the Major** cannot be used in this section.

The minimum overall LCC GPA for receiving a degree is 2.0.