



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

Designed for students intending to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in the chosen major, the Associate in Arts degrees and Associate in Science degrees all are comprised of 3 sections: I) **General Education – MTA**, II) **Required Courses within the Major**, and III) **Electives**. In addition, many guides 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 also should check with their intended school(s) early on to determine whether any other general education requirements might 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 baccalaureate major. Students also should check with their intended school(s) early on to determine whether any other courses might be needed for transfer. Courses with grades below 2.0 generally will not transfer to other schools.

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, in the AA in Literature, **II. Required Courses within the Major** lists several courses in ENGL. One of these also can be used toward the **C. Humanities and Fine Arts** category of **I. General Education – MTA**, but the second course in **C. Humanities and Fine Arts** must be something besides ENGL.

### **III. Electives**

These enable the student to reach the LCC requirement of having a minimum of 60 credits in the academic program. Ideally, students should check with their intended school(s) early on to determine what courses might be best for transfer. Again, remember that courses with grades below 2.0 generally will not transfer to other schools.

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.