

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

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The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree represents the completion of the first two years of several bachelor's degree programs. Students following the Associate of Arts degree program are advised to select courses that fulfill the General Education Requirements for all programs at NMSU and that transfer to other four-year institutions. Since approximately half of the requirements for an A.A. degree are met with elective credit, it is recommended that students plan these electives to meet other requirements for their planned baccalaureate degree. Undecided students are encouraged to follow this degree program because it is flexible and will help structure their coursework.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS –34 credits

ENGL 111G.....	4
LIBERAL STUDIES (One from each of three different departments):	
Fine Arts (ART 101G, MUS 101G, or	
THTR 101G).....	3
History (HIST 101G, 102G, 201G, or	
202G)	3
Literature (ENGL 244G).....	3
Philosophy (PHIL 101G or 201G).....	3
Women's Studies (WS 202G).....	3
Total	9

SCIENCE (One from each of three different departments):

Astronomy (ASTR 105G or 110G)	4
Biology (BIOL 101G/L, 110G, 111G/L, or	
211G/L).....	4
Chemistry (CHEM 110G or 111/112)	4
Computer Science (C S 110G).....	3
Geology (GEOL 111G).....	4
Physical Geography (GEOG 111G).....	4
Physics (PHYS 110G).....	4
Approved Math course (MATH 115 or 120, or	
higher).....	3
Total	10–12

SOCIAL STUDIES (One from each of three different departments):

Anthropology (ANTH 201G, 202G, or	
203G)	3
Communication Studies (COMM 253G or	
265G).....	3
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Economics (ECON 201G, 251G, or	
252G)	3
Government (GOVT 100G, 110G, 150G or	
160G)	3
Journalism (JOUR 105G).....	3
Linguistics (LING 200G).....	3
Psychology (PSY 201G)	3
Social Geography (GEOG 112G or	
201G)	3
Sociology (SOC 101G or 201G).....	3
Women's Studies (WS 201G).....	3
Total	9

ELECTIVE COURSE REQUIRMENTS –32 credits

COLL 101, College/Life Success3

Any Elective Course(s).....29

TOTAL..... 66 credits

NOTE: Developmental (“N” courses) are not counted as part of graduation requirements; up to eight credits of BOT, CMT, PL S, and OE prefixes are allowed toward graduation.

English and Mathematics Basic Skills Requirements:

Students may satisfy the English Basic Skills by passing ENGL 111G with a C or better. Students must complete the Math Basic Skills Requirement by passing with a C or better CCDM 112N and CCDM 113N, or CCDM 114N; or MATH 111/112, MATH 115 or MATH 120, or higher level Math. Refer to the NMSU-Grants Catalog for Basic Skills Requirement options.