PROGRAM PROFILES

Associate of Arts (AA) Degree:

REQUIREMENTS

The Liberal Arts and Sciences AA degree forms the foundation of a traditional liberal arts education and will satisfy a large portion of the general education course requirements for bachelor’s degrees at four-year colleges and universities. The degree is the basic graduation award toward which most students will work if they intend to transfer. It emphasizes a broad general education. In order to obtain an AA degree, students must complete the following requirements:

- Successful completion of a minimum of 60 semester credits numbered 1000 or above.
- Achieve an overall GPA of 2.00 and a GPA of 2.00 within the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).
- Complete a minimum of 20 of the 60 credits at M State.
- Complete a minimum of 40 credits from the MnTC and fulfill individual requirements in each of the ten MnTC goal areas.

Students may satisfy the MnTC requirement with a variety of courses and credits. Some courses will meet more than one of the ten (10) required goal areas. Fulfilling the minimum requirements in each goal area may not satisfy the 40 credit minimum. Some additional credits beyond the minimum requirements in goals 1-10 could be needed to achieve the overall 40 credit MnTC requirement. Students should carefully review and monitor their progress.

In order to be certified as having met all the requirements of the college’s Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), a student must successfully complete courses as prescribed in the following Liberal Arts and Sciences education distribution areas with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Transfer courses with grades of A-D will be included in the GPA calculation for the MnTC.

AREA 1: Communication

Complete a minimum of nine credits as prescribed below

COMM 1100 Communication and Effective Human Relations 2
COMM 1120 Introduction to Public Speaking 1
COMM 1130 Small Group Communication 1
COMM 1140 Interpersonal Communication 1
ENGL 1215 Professional and Technical Writing 1
ENGL 2321 Women in Literature 1,2,6,7

AREA 2: Critical Thinking

Complete a minimum of six credits from at least two different discipline areas

ART 1123 Global Art History: Asian, Islamic, African, Mesoamerican 2,6
BIOL 1104 Biology of Human Concerns 2,3
BIOL 1107 Environmental Science Issues 2,3,10
BIOL 1108 Environmental Science Issues Lab 2,3,10
CHEM 1111 General Inorganic Chemistry I 2,3
CHEM 1112 General Inorganic Chemistry II 2,3
CHEM 1115 Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry 2,3
CHEM 2224 Organic Chemistry I 2,3
CHEM 2225 Organic Chemistry II 2,3
COMM 1100 Communication and Effective Human Relations 1,2
COMM 1130 Small Group Communication 1,2
COMM 1140 Interpersonal Communication 1,2
CSCI 1110 Informatics 2,9
ECON 1150 Essentials of Economics 2,5
ECON 2210 Microeconomics 2,5
ECON 2222 Microeconomics 2,5,9
ENGL 2230 Environmental Literature 2,6,10

AREA 3: Natural Sciences

Complete a minimum of six credits; at least one course must include a lab (* denotes lab courses)

BIOL 1102 Introduction to Horticulture 3
BIOL 1104 Biology of Human Concerns 2,3
BIOL 1107 Environmental Science Issues 2,3,10
BIOL 1108 Environmental Science Issues Lab 2,3,10
BIOL 1115 Introduction to Biotechnology 3
BIOL 1152 Food Science 3
BIOL 1161 Introduction to Freshwater Biology 3,10
BIOL 2265 Diagnostic Microbiology 3
CHEM 1111 General Inorganic Chemistry I 2,3
CHEM 1112 General Inorganic Chemistry II 2,3
CHEM 1115 Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry 2,3
CHEM 2224 Organic Chemistry I 2,3
CHEM 2225 Organic Chemistry II 2,3
GLST 1510 Global Studies: Natural Science 3,8
PHYS 1106 Fund of Physics - Motion & Kinetics 3
PHYS 1141 University Physics I 3
PHYS 1142 University Physics II 3

AREA 4: Mathematics/Logical Reasoning

Complete a minimum of three credits

MATH 1102 Finite Math 2,4
MATH 1114 College Algebra 2,4
MATH 1115 Functions/Trigonometry 2,4
MATH 1116 College Trigonometry 2,4
MATH 1188 Precalculus 1
MATH 1122 Applied Calculus and Linear Algebra 2,4
MATH 1134 Calculus I 2,4
MATH 1135 Calculus II 2,4
MATH 1207 Elementary Statistics 2,4
MATH 2123 Introduction to Statistics 2,4
MATH 2200 Principles of Arithmetic 2,4
MATH 2231 Calculus II 2,4
MATH 2257 Linear Algebra 2,4
PHIL 2305 Symbolic Logic 4

AREA 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Complete a minimum of nine credits from at least two different discipline areas

ANTH 1100 Introduction to Anthropology 5,8
ECON 1150 Essentials of Economics 2,5
ECON 2210 Macroeconomics 2,5
ECON 2222 Microeconomics 2,5,9
GEOG 1110 World Geography 5,8
HIST 1110 Western Civilization: Ancient-1400’s 5,8
HIST 1111 Western Civilization: 1400’s-1600’s 5,8
HIST 1112 Western Civilization: 1600’s-1800’s 5,8
HIST 1113 Western Civilization: 1700’s-1900’s 5,8
HIST 1500 European Experience 5,8
HIST 1600 History of Baseball 5,8
PSYC 1101 Human Interaction 2,5
PSYC 1500 Positive Psychology 5,9
PSYC 2266 Behavior and Environmental Management 2,5,10

SOCI 1110 Introduction to Sociology 2,3,7
SOCI 1113 Social Problems 5,9
SOCI 1140 Sociology Service Learning 5
SOCI 2210 Social Deviance 5,7
SOCI 2213 Sociology of the Family 5,7
SOCW 2215 Criminology 2,5
SOW 2216 Minority Group Relations 5,7
SOC 2217 Rural Sociology 5,7
SOW 2220 Food, Culture and Society 5,7
SOW 2222 Sociology of Agriculture 5
WMST 1130 Introduction to Women’s Studies 5,7

AREA 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts

Complete a minimum of nine credits from at least three different discipline areas; a maximum of three Fine Arts credits may be utilized (* denotes Fine Arts courses)

ART 1121 World of Art I 6,8
ART 1122 World of Art II 6,8
ART 1123 Global Art History: Asian, Islamic, African, Mesoamerican 2,6
ART 1134 African Art 6
ART 1141 Ceramics I 6
ART 2241 Advanced Ceramics 6
ART 2260 Art, Portfolio Design and Professional Development 6
COMM 2220 Oral Interpretation 6
ENGL 2200 Introduction to Creative Writing 6
ENGL 2221 Creative Writing: Poetry 6
ENGL 2222 Creative Writing: Fiction 6

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ENGL 2223 Creative Writing: Personal Narrative 6
ENGL 2228 A Well Examined Life: Reading and Writing Memoir 6,7
ENGL 2230 Environmental Literature 2,6,10
ENGL 2234 Introduction to Literature: Short Stories 2,6,7
ENGL 2235 Introduction to Literature: Drama 2,6,8
ENGL 2237 Introduction to Literature: Short Prose 2,6,9
ENGL 2239 Nature Writers 2,6,10
ENGL 2302 Human Ethnic Literature 6,7
ENGL 2304 Introduction to Literature, Native American Focus 2,6
ENGL 2310 Introduction to Mythology 6
ENGL 2314 Introduction to Shakespeare 6
ENGL 2321 Women in Literature 1,2,6,7
ENGL 2322 Banned Literature 2,6,7
ENGL 2323 Horror and Supernatural Fiction 2,6
ENGL 2324 Travel Literature 2,6,10
ENGL 2327 Children’s Literature 2,6,7
ENGL 2374 The Poetics of Rock Lyrics 2,6
HUM 1105 Religion in the Humanities 6,8
HUM 1110 Native American Culture 2,6,7
HUM 1120 Culture of Italy 6,8
HUM 1132 Women in the Humanities 6,7
HUM 1134 Global Perspectives for Women 6,8
HUM 1201 Religion and the American Experience 6,7
HUM 2210 Introduction to Film 2,6
HUM 2230 World Cinema 6,8
HUM 2236 Technology in the Humanities 2,6,8
HUM 2281 Culture of the British Isles 6,8
HUM 2293 Field Experience: Europe 6,8
HUM 2295 Field Experience: The East 6,8
HUM 2301 Heroes, Moral and Cultural 2,6
MUSC 1112 Beginning Class Guitar 6
MUSC 1113 Beginning Class Voice 6
MUSC 1114 Beginning Class Piano 6
MUSC 1115 America’s Musical Heritage 6,7
MUSC 1116 World Music 6,8
MUSC 1118 Rock and Pop Music 6
MUSC 1120 Introduction to Music Technology 6
MUSC 1121 Basic Theory and Musicianship I 2,6
MUSC 1122 Basic Theory and Musicianship II 2,6
MUSC 1133 Sight Singing and Ear Training I 6
MUSC 1134 Sight Singing and Ear Training II 6
MUSC 1131 Civic Orchestra 6
MUSC 1135 Voice Ensemble 6
MUSC 1141 Concert Choir 6
MUSC 1145 Chamber Chorale 6
MUSC 1150 History of Jazz 6
MUSC 1151 Individual Voice Lessons 6
MUSC 1162 Jazz Ensemble 6
MUSC 1166 Concert Band 6
MUSC 1168 Pep Band 6
MUSC 1181 Private Instrumental Lessons 6
MUSC 1185 Private Music Composition Lessons 6
MUSC 2213 Sight Singing and Ear Training III 6
MUSC 2224 Sight Singing and Ear Training IV 6
MUSC 2231 Advanced Theory and Musicianship III 2,6
MUSC 2232 Advanced Theory and Musicianship IV 2,6
MUSC 2251 Individual Voice Lessons 6
MUSC 2281 Private Instrumental Lessons 6
MUSC 2286 Advanced Music Composition 6
MUSC 2291 Individual Piano Lessons 6
PHIL 1201 Ethics 2,6,9
PHIL 2224 Philosophy of Religion 2,6,8
PHIL 2230 Existentialism 2,6
PHIL 2240 Non-Western Philosophical Perspectives 6,8
WMST 1136 Global Perspectives of Women 6,8

AREA 7: Human Diversity
Complete a minimum of three credits

ART 1124 American Art 6,7
COMM 2230 Intercultural Communication 7
ENGL 2228 A Well Examined Life: Reading and Writing Memoir 6,7
ENGL 2234 Introduction to Literature: Short Stories 2,6,7
ENGL 2302 Human Ethnic Literature 6,7
ENGL 2322 Banned Literature 2,6,7
ENGL 2327 Children’s Literature 2,6,7
HIST 2212 American History 19th Century 5,7
HIST 2213 American History: 20th Century 5,7
HUM 1110 Native American Culture 2,6,7
HUM 1132 Women in the Humanities 6,7
HUM 1201 Religion and the American Experience 6,7
MCS 2230 Multicultural America 7
MUSC 1115 America’s Musical Heritage 6,7
PHIL 2300 Political and Social Philosophy 5,7
SOC 1111 Introduction to Sociology 2,5,7
SOC 2210 Social Deviance 5,7
SOC 2213 Sociology of the Family 5,7
SOC 2216 Minority Group Relations 5,7
SOC 2217 Rural Sociology 5,7
SOC 2220 Food, Culture and Society 5,7
WMST 1130 Introduction to Women’s Studies 5,7

AREA 8: Global Perspective
Complete a minimum of three credits

ANTH 1100 Introduction to Anthropology 5,8
ART 1121 World of Art I 6,8
ART 1122 World of Art II 6,8
CHIN 1101 Introduction to Chinese 8
ENGL 2235 Introduction to Literature: Drama 2,6,8
GEOG 1110 World Geography 5,8
GEOG 1160 Global Physical Geography 8,10
GLST 1510 Global Studies: Natural Science 3,8
HIST 1110 Western Civilization: Ancient-1400’s 5,8
HIST 1111 Western Civilization: 1400’s-1600’s 5,8
HIST 1112 Western Civilization: 1600’s-1800’s 5,8
HIST 1113 Western Civilization: 20th Century 5,8
HIST 1150 European Experience 5,8
HIST 2211 American History: the Colonial Period 5,8
HUM 1105 Religion in the Humanities 6,8
HUM 1120 Culture of Italy 6,8
HUM 1134 Global Perspectives for Women 6,8
HUM 2230 World Cinema 6,8
HUM 2236 Technology in the Humanities 2,6,8
HUM 2281 Culture of the British Isles 6,8
HUM 2293 Field Experience: Europe 6,8
HUM 2295 Field Experience: The East 6,8
HUM 2281 Culture of the British Isles 6,8
HUM 2293 Field Experience: Europe 6,8
HUM 2295 Field Experience: The East 6,8
MUSC 1116 World Music 6,8
PHIL 2224 Philosophy of Religion 2,6,8
PHIL 2240 Non-Western Philosophical Perspectives 6,8
SPAN 2211 Intermediate Spanish I 8
SPAN 2212 Intermediate Spanish II 8
WMST 1136 Global Perspectives of Women 6,8

AREA 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility
Complete a minimum of three credits

CSCI 1110 Informatics 2,9
ECON 2222 Microeconomics 2,5,9
ENGL 2232 Introduction to Literature: Short Prose 2,6,9
MCOM 1122 Introduction to Mass Communication 5,9
PHIL 1200 Applied and Professional Ethics 2,9
PHIL 1201 Ethics 2,6,9
PHIL 2220 Environmental Ethics 9,10
PHIL 2225 Bioethics 2,9
PSYC 1500 Positive Psychology 5,9
SOC 1131 Social Problems 5,9

AREA 10: People and the Environment
Complete a minimum of three credits

BIOI 1107 Environmental Science Issues 2,3,10
BIOI 1108 Environmental Science Issues Lab 2,3,10
BIOI 1161 Introduction to Freshwater Biology 3,10
ENGL 2230 Environmental Literature 2,6,10
ENGL 2239 Nature Writers 2,6,10
ENGL 2324 Travel Literature 2,6,10
GEOG 1160 Global Physical Geography 8,10
PHIL 2220 Environmental Ethics 9,10
PSYC 2222 Behavior and Environmental Management 2,5,10

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