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).
- Earn at least 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. Fulfiling 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 (8)

Complete a minimum of nine credits as prescribed below

COMM 1120 Introduction to Public Speaking 2, 3
COMM 1130 Small Group Communication 1, 2
COMM 1140 Interpersonal Communication 1, 2
COMM 2260 Computer-Mediated Communication 1
ENGL 1101 College Writing 1
ENGL 1205 Writing About Current Issues 2
ENGL 1207 Writing About Literature 1
ENGL 1208 Writing About Current Issues 1, 2
ENGL 1215 Professional and Technical Writing 1

AREA 2: Critical Thinking (56)

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

ART 1107 Foundations of Art, 2-D 2, 6
ART 1117 Printmaking 2, 6
ART 2111 Drawing II 2
ART 2112 Painting II 2
ART 2114 Photographic Art I 2
ART 2115 Introduction to Digital Photography 2, 6
ART 2116 Mixed Media I 2, 6
ART 2201 Foundation Digital Imaging 2, 6
ART 2999 AFA Visual Art Capstone Exhibition 2, 6
BIOL 1107 Environmental Science I 2, 3
BIOL 1108 Environmental Science Lab 2, 3
BIOL 1122 General Biology I 2, 3
BIOL 2202 Principles of Nutrition 2, 3
CHEM 1100 Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry 2, 3
CHEM 1101 Principles of General Chemistry 2, 3
CHEM 1111 General Inorganic Chemistry I 2, 3
CHEM 1112 General Inorganic Chemistry II 2, 3

AREA 3: Natural Sciences (31)

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

BIOL 1107 Environmental Science Issues 2, 3
BIOL 1108 Environmental Science Issues Lab 2, 3
BIOL 1115 Introduction to Biotechnology 3
BIOL 1122 General Biology I 2, 3
BIOL 1123 General Biology II 3, 10
BIOL 1152 Food Science 3
BIOL 1170 Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology 3
BIOL 2010 General Ecology 3, 10
BIOL 2107 Principles of Nutrition 2, 3
BIOL 2220 General Microbiology 3
BIOL 2240 Genetics 3
BIOL 2260 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 3
BIOL 2261 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 3
BIOL 2262 Human Anatomy and Physiology IV 3, 10
BIOL 2263 Human Anatomy and Physiology IV 3
BIOL 2267 Medical Microbiology 3
BIOL 2268 Medical Microbiology Lab 3
CHEM 1100 Fundamentals of General Chemistry 2, 3
CHEM 1111 General Inorganic Chemistry I 2, 3
CHEM 1112 General Inorganic Chemistry II 2, 3
CHEM 1113 General Organic Chemistry 2, 3
CHEM 1115 Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry 3
PHYS 1105 Fundamental Concepts in Physics 3
PHYS 1106 Fund of Physics - Mechanics 3
PHYS 1107 Physics of Music 3, 6
PHYS 1108 Physics of Flight 3
PHYS 1120 Introduction to Astronomy 3
PHYS 1401 College Physics I 3

AREA 4: Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (15)

Complete a minimum of three credits

MATH 1100 World of Math 2, 4
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 1118 Precalculus 2, 4
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 1213 Introduction to Statistics 2, 4
MATH 2200 Principles of Arithmetic 2, 4
MATH 2231 Calculus III 2, 4
MATH 2257 Linear Algebra 2, 4
PHIL 2235 Symbolic Logic 4

AREA 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (37)

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

ECON 1150 Essentials of Economics 2
ECON 2210 Macroeconomics 2
ECON 2222 Microeconomics 2, 5
HIST 1101 Western Civilization: Ancient to 1600s 2, 5
HIST 1102 Western Civilization: 1600s to the Present 2, 5
HIST 1113 Western Civilization: 20th Century 2, 5
HIST 1201 American History to 1877 2, 5
HIST 1202 American History since 1877 2, 5
HIST 1600 History of Baseball 2, 5
HIST 1700 The History of America’s 2, 5
HIST 2212 American History 19th Century 2, 5
HIST 2213 American History: 20th Century 2, 5
HIST 2220 Minnesota and Northern Plains History 2, 5
PHIL 1122 Introduction to Mass Communication 2, 5
PHIL 2300 Political and Social Philosophy 2, 5
POLS 1130 State and Local Government 2, 5
POLS 2204 Comparative Government 2, 5
POLS 2207 Global Politics 2, 5
POLS 2220 Introduction to Constitutional Theory 2, 5
POLS 2250 Introduction to Social Research 2, 5
PSYC 1101 Human Interaction 2, 5
PSYC 1200 General Psychology 2, 5
PSYC 1202 Introduction to Autism 2, 5
PSYC 2200 Abnormal Psychology 2, 5
PSYC 2222 Lifespan Development 2, 5
PSYC 2224 Social Psychology 2, 5
PSYC 2230 Personality Psychology 2, 5
PSYC 2302 Cross-Cultural Psychology 2, 5
PSYC 2900 Statistics for Behavioral and Social Sciences 2, 5
PSYC 2950 Introduction to Social Research 2, 5
SOC 1111 Introduction to Sociology 2, 5
SOC 1113 Social Problems 2, 5
SOC 1114 Sociology Service Learning 2, 5
SOC 2210 Social Deviance 2, 5
SOC 2250 Introduction to Social Research 2, 5

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AREA 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts (45)
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 1107 Foundations of Art, 2-D 2, 6
ART 1108 Foundations of Art, 3-D 6
ART 1110 Introduction to Art 6
ART 1111 Drawing I 6
ART 1112 Painting I 6
ART 1117 Printmaking I 2, 6
ART 1118 Watercolor I 6
ART 1119 Handbuilt Ceramics 6
ART 2115 Introduction to Digital Photography 2, 6
ART 2116 Mixed Media I 2, 6
ART 2201 Foundation Digital Imaging 2, 6
ART 2260 Art, Portfolio Design and Professional Development 6
ART 2261 Art, Portfolio Design and Professional Development Internship 6
ART 2999 AFA-Visual Art Capstone Exhibition 2, 6

COMM 2220 Oral Interpretation 6
ENGL 2234 Introduction to Literature: Short Stories 6
ENGL 2236 Introduction to Literature: Novel and the Human Condition 6
ENGL 2310 Introduction to Mythology 6
ENGL 2321 Women in Literature 6, 7
ENGL 2325 Contemporary World Literature 6, 8
HUM 1101 Introduction to the Humanities 2, 6
HUM 1105 Religion in the Humanities 6, 8
HUM 1201 Religion and the American Experience 6, 7
HUM 2236 Technology in the Humanities 2, 6, 8
HUM 2301 Heroes, Moral and Cultural 2, 6
MUSC 1117 Beginning Class Guitar 6
MUSC 1160 Music Business: Creating and Promoting Music 6
MUSC 2214 Class Piano II 6
PHIL 1201 Ethics 2, 6, 9
PHIL 1211 Introduction to Philosophy 2, 6
PHIL 2230 Existentialism 2, 6
PHIL 2240 Non-Western Philosophical Perspectives 6, 8
PHYS 1107 Physics of Music 3, 6
THTR 1100 Introduction to Theatre 6
THTR 1105 Acting I 6
THTR 1120 Theatre Performance Practicum 6
THTR 1125 Theatre Technical Practicum 6
THTR 1130 Stage Make-up 6
THTR 2130 Design for the Stage 6
WMST 1136 Global Perspectives of Women 6, 8

AREA 7: Human Diversity (16)
Complete a minimum of three credits

COMM 2230 Intercultural Communication 7
COMM 2250 Gender Communication 7
ENGL 2234 Introduction to Literature: Short Stories 2, 6, 7
ENGL 2236 Introduction to Literature: Novel and the Human Condition 2, 6, 7
ENGL 2321 Women in Literature 6, 7
HIST 1201 American History to 1877 5, 7
HIST 1202 American History since 1877 5, 7
HIST 2212 American History 19th Century 5, 7
HIST 2213 American History: 20th Century 5, 7
HUM 1201 Religion and the American Experience 6, 7
MCOM 1142 Popular Culture and Social Media 7
MCS 2230 Multicultural America 7
PHIL 2300 Political and Social Philosophy 5, 7
POLS 2310 Ideas and Ideologies 7, 9
PSYC 2224 Social Psychology 5, 7
PSYC 2302 Cross-Cultural Psychology 5, 7

AREA 8: Global Perspective (13)
Complete a minimum of three credits

CHIN 1101 Introduction to Chinese 8
ENGL 2325 Contemporary World Literature 6, 8
GEOG 1160 Global Physical Geography 8, 10
HIST 1101 Western Civilization: Ancient to 1600s 8
HIST 1102 Western Civilization: 1600s to the Present 5, 8
HIST 1113 Western Civilization: 20th Century 5, 8
HUM 2236 Technology in the Humanities 2, 6, 8
PHIL 2240 Non-Western Philosophical Perspectives 6, 8
POLS 2204 Comparative Government 5, 8
POLS 2206 Global Politics 5, 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 (15)
Complete a minimum of three credits

ECON 2222 Microeconomics 2, 5, 9
ENGL 2238 Introduction to Literature: Commonwealth 6, 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
POLS 1120 American National Government 5, 9
POLS 1130 State and Local Government 5, 9
POLS 2220 Introduction to Constitutional Theory 2, 5, 9
POLS 2310 Ideas and Ideologies 7, 9
PSYC 1200 General Psychology 5, 9
PSYC 1500 Positive Psychology 5, 9
PSYC 2222 Lifespan Development 5, 9
SOC 1113 Social Problems 5, 9

AREA 10: People and the Environment (8)
Complete a minimum of three credits

BIOL 1107 Environmental Science Issues 2, 3, 10
BIOL 1108 Environmental Science Issues Lab 2, 3, 10
BIOL 1123 General Biology II 3, 10
BIOL 2010 General Ecology 3, 10
GEOG 1160 Global Physical Geography 8, 10
HIST 1700 The History of America’s National Parks 5, 10
HIST 2220 Minnesota and Northern Plains History 5, 10
PHIL 2220 Environmental Ethics 9, 10