

## 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. 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 (8)

Complete a minimum of nine credits as prescribed below

COMM 1120	Introduction to Public Speaking	1
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 Literature	1
ENGL 1210	Writing About Current Issues	1
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 I	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 Issues	2, 3, 10
BIOL 1108	Environmental Science Issues Lab	2, 3, 10
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

CHEM 1115	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	2, 3
COMM 1130	Small Group Communication	1, 2
COMM 1140	Interpersonal Communication	1, 2
COMM 2240	Family Communication	2
ECON 1150	Essentials of Economics	2, 5
ECON 2210	Macroeconomics	2, 5
ECON 2222	Microeconomics	2, 5, 9
ENGL 2234	Introduction to Literature: Short Stories	2, 6, 7
ENGL 2236	Introduction to Literature: Novel	2, 6, 7
ENGL 2372	Children's Literature	2, 6, 7
HUM 1101	Introduction to the Humanities	2, 6
HUM 2236	Technology in the Humanities	2, 6, 8
HUM 2301	Heroes, Moral and Cultural	2, 6
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 1130	Critical Thinking	2
PHIL 1200	Applied and Professional Ethics	2, 9
PHIL 1201	Ethics	2, 6, 9
PHIL 1211	Introduction to Philosophy	2, 6
PHIL 2225	Bioethics	2, 9
PHIL 2230	Existentialism	2, 6
POLS 2220	Introduction to Constitutional Theory	2, 5, 9
POLS 2950	Introduction to Social Research	2, 5
PSYC 1101	Human Interaction	2, 5
PSYC 2950	Introduction to Social Research	2, 5
SOC 1111	Introduction to Sociology	2, 5, 7
SOC 2950	Introduction to Social Research	2, 5

### 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, 10
BIOL 1108	Environmental Science Issues Lab	2, 3, 10
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 2202	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 I Lab	3
BIOL 2262	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 2263	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	3
BIOL 2267	Medical Microbiology	3
BIOL 2268	Medical Microbiology Lab	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
CHEM 1115	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	2, 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

PHYS 1402	College Physics II	3
PHYS 1411	University Physics I	3
PHYS 1412	University Physics II	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, 5
ECON 2210	Macroeconomics	2, 5
ECON 2222	Microeconomics	2, 5, 9
HIST 1101	Western Civilization: Ancient to 1600s	5, 8
HIST 1102	Western Civilization: 1600s to the Present	5, 8
HIST 1113	Western Civilization: 20th Century	5, 8
HIST 1201	American History to 1877	5, 7
HIST 1202	American History since 1877	5, 7
HIST 1600	History of Baseball	5
HIST 1700	The History of America's National Parks	5, 10
HIST 2212	American History 19th Century	5, 7
HIST 2213	American History: 20th Century	5, 7
HIST 2220	Minnesota and Northern Plains History	5, 10
MCOM 1122	Introduction to Mass Communication	5, 9
PHIL 2300	Political and Social Philosophy	5, 7
POLS 1120	American National Government	5, 9
POLS 1130	State and Local Government	5, 9
POLS 2204	Comparative Government	5, 8
POLS 2206	Global Politics	5, 8
POLS 2220	Introduction to Constitutional Theory	2, 5, 9
POLS 2950	Introduction to Social Research	2, 5
PSYC 1101	Human Interaction	2, 5
PSYC 1200	General Psychology	5, 9
PSYC 1202	Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders	5
PSYC 1500	Positive Psychology	5, 9
PSYC 2220	Abnormal Psychology	5
PSYC 2222	Lifespan Development	5, 9
PSYC 2224	Social Psychology	5, 7
PSYC 2230	Personality Psychology	5
PSYC 2302	Cross-Cultural Psychology	5, 7
PSYC 2900	Statistics for Behavioral and Social Sciences	5
PSYC 2950	Introduction to Social Research	2, 5
SOC 1111	Introduction to Sociology	2, 5, 7
SOC 1113	Social Problems	5, 9
SOC 1114	Sociology Service Learning	5
SOC 2210	Social Deviance	5, 7
SOC 2950	Introduction to Social Research	2, 5

**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	1121	World of Art I	6, 8
ART	1122	World of Art II	6, 8
ART	1124	American Art	6, 7
ART	1140	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	2, 6, 7
ENGL	2236	Introduction to Literature: Novel	2, 6, 7
ENGL	2238	Literature, Illness and the Human Condition	6, 9
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	1191	Individual Piano Lessons	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	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	5, 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	Literature, Illness and the Human Condition	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
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	05, 10
PHIL	2220	Environmental Ethics	9, 10