

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

The Associate of Arts degree represents the completion of the first two years of most bachelor's degree programs in the College of Arts & Sciences. Students following the Associate of Arts degree are advised to select courses that fulfill the New Mexico Common Core Requirements required for all bachelor's degree programs at New Mexico State University. This information is available in the NMSU catalog or on the web site at www.nmsu.edu. Since approximately half of the requirements for the Associate of Arts are met with elective courses, it is recommended that students plan these electives to meet other requirements for their bachelor's degree, such as the foreign language requirement or specific requirements within the major.

Arts & Sciences Core Requirements:

ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition
 ENGL 203G, 211G, or 218G
 C S 110G Computer Literacy
 COMM 253G Public Speaking
 or COMM 265G Principles of Human Communication

Sciences – choose 2 Different Departments

Astronomy G
 Biology G
 Chemistry G
 E S 110G
 Geography (Physical) G
 Geology G
 Physics G

Mathematics – choose one*

MATH 210G
 MATH 121 or higher

A total of **five** courses must be chosen between the Humanities/Fine Art and the Social/Behavioral Sciences.

Social/Behavioral Sciences – 2 or 3 Different Departments

Anthropology
 C J 101G
 Economics G
 Government G
 HL S 150
 Psychology 201G
 Sociology G
 S WK 221G
 WS 201G or 202G

Humanities/Fine Art – 2 or 3 Different Departments

English Literature
 Fine Arts - Choose one of the following:
 ART 101G, 110G, MUS 101G, 201G, THTR 101G
 History G
 Philosophy G

Electives: To bring total credits to 66

Total Credits Required

Undecided students are advised to follow this degree plan because it is flexible and will help structure their selection of classes until they decide on a major.

Students seeking a bachelor's degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must take at least two laboratory science courses, meet the second language requirement, **and** New Mexico Common Core Requirements as well as complete 54 credits of upper-division coursework which includes 6 credits of *Viewing a Wider World*. Please contact an advisor for a list of courses that meet both the university New Mexico Common Core and Arts & Sciences Core Requirements and major field, math alternatives, and Honors courses that fulfill requirements.

A maximum of 9 credit hours of applied course work may be counted towards graduation. In addition, a maximum of 8 credits of PE and PE P courses can apply to the degree. Please see an advisor to determine which courses are considered “applied” course work.

*Math choice dependent on eventual major field. MATH 210G or 142G fulfill the New Mexico Common Core Requirements. MATH 120 will not.

Continuing students can stay on an earlier degree plan or move to a more recent degree plan, but must graduate on a degree plan that is no more than six years old at graduation.

Students must earn a grade of **C** or better in each course that fulfills the New Mexico Common Core Requirements, including the final second language course when that course is part of a student's requirements. Students must also complete the basic skills requirement to earn an associate's degree and before being allowed to enroll in any upper-division (300- or 400- level) course offered at main campus or through distance education. The basic skills requirement is met by completing ENGL 111G and CCDM 114N or higher specified math courses with a **C** or better.

Several bachelor's degrees are available through Distance Education from the Las Cruces campus. A partial list includes elementary education, nursing, sociology, business administration, human and community service, and information and communication technology. A few courses require a visit to the main campus; however, most of the courses are delivered through electronic means. Visit an advisor for more information.