

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS

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Students enrolled in an applied science program will benefit from hands-on laboratory experience within their major field. They will enter the job market with specific skills and knowledge useful for employment and advancement.

Although the AAS degree is not designed to be a transfer program, some courses will transfer to four-year colleges or universities. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year school should consult a WNC counselor. Courses with a number under 100 (such as ENG 95) are not applicable toward an Associate of Applied Science degree at WNC.

A maximum of six units of special topics classes in one subject area may apply toward any WNC degree.

This degree provides career preparation, training and industry credentials in an occupational or technical field.

Mission

The purpose of the Associate of Applied Science degree is to provide employment-related knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a chosen field of study.

Student Learning Outcomes

The successful student will:

- Have met the institutional student learning outcomes.
- Know the subject matter appropriate to the emphasis of the degree.
- Have acquired skills and can perform tasks necessary for employment or career advancement.

Program Requirements

36-39 Units

The number of units required may vary by emphasis. Some units earned in nontraditional courses may be considered for elective credit and may require review in order to be applied to the AAS degree.

Program requirements can be found on the programs of study pages.

General Education Requirements

21-24 Units

English/Communications

6 Units

Must include a three-credit writing course.

Business: 107, 108

Communication: 101, 102, 113, 215

Criminal Justice: 103

English

Journalism: 201

Reading

Writing Course (Business 108, English 100, 101, 102, 107 or any 200 level English class)

Human Relations

3 Units

Anthropology: 101, 201

Business: 110

Counseling and Personal Development: 117, 129

Criminal Justice: 270

Early Childhood Education: 121

Educational Psychology: 150

Human Development & Family Studies: 201, 202

Management: 201, 212, 283

Nursing: 261

Psychology (except for PSY 210)

Sociology (except for SOC 210)

Humanities/Social Science

3 Units

Choose from either area:

Humanities:

Art: 100, 101*, 124, 135, 160, 214, 224, 241, 260, 261

Core Humanities: 201, 202, 212

English: 200, 221, 223, 250, 261, 266, 267, 271, 275

History: 105, 106, 203, 207, 208, 209, 247

Humanities: 101

Music: 111*, 121, 124, 125, 134, 176

Music Ensemble: 131, 135

Philosophy (except for PHIL 102, 114)

Theatre: 100, 105, 180

Social Sciences:

Anthropology: 101, 201, 202, 210, 212, 215
Core Humanities: 203
Criminal Justice: 101, 102, 104, 120, 215, 220, 225, 226, 230, 270
Economics: 100, 102, 103
Geography: 106, 200
History: 101, 102, 111, 217, 295
Journalism: 103
Political Science
Psychology (except for PSY 210)
Sociology (except for SOC 210)
** Course may not meet the fine arts requirement at all universities. See an advisor.*

Mathematics

3 Units

Business: 115
Economics: 261, 262
Mathematics
Psychology: 210
Statistics: 152

Science

3 Units

Anthropology: 102, 110L
Astronomy: 109, 110, 120
Atmospheric Sciences: 117
Biology (except for BIOL 208, 223, 224, 251)
Chemistry (except for CHEM 220, 241, 241L, 242, 242L)
Emergency Medical Services: 205
Environmental Studies
Geography: 103, 104, 116, 121
Geology: (except for GEOL 111, 112, 113, 299)
Nutrition: 121
Physics (except for PHYS 293)

U.S. & Nevada Constitution

3-6 Units

Must meet both requirements. Choose from the following:

Core Humanities: 203
History 111
History: 101 and one of the following:
HIST 102, HIST 217, PSC 100, PSC 208
Political Science: 101, 103
History and Political Science Combination (History 101 and Political Science 208)

Courses numbered below 100 (such as ENG 98) are not acceptable toward an Associate of Applied Science Degree