

Liberal Arts, AA

Program: 11000

The Associate in Arts (AA) degree program is intended for students interested in pursuing a four-year baccalaureate degree. Programs of study leading to the AA degree consist of a common core of General Education courses, specific program requirements (if applicable), and elective courses. First-time-in-college students must also complete the three-credit class, SLS 1122 *First-Year Seminar*, as a graduation requirement. Students may complete only one AA degree. Those already holding associate in arts or baccalaureate degrees are not eligible to enroll in an AA degree program.

The program requirements to enter specific majors within the State University System are quite varied. Each student is encouraged to declare an upper-division major upon admission to Polk State College; the individual is required to do so after earning 12 credit hours. After declaring a major, he or she should follow the prescribed course requirements for the college or university. The student should meet with an advisor to assist in the selection of both General Education core courses and recommended electives to prepare for the chosen upper-division major. Although each student must select an upper-division major, the degree earned is an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Polk State College.

Although the State articulation agreement assures transferability of the AA degree into the State University System, specific prerequisite courses for intended majors must be taken at Polk State in order to avoid course or credit deficiencies after admission to a four-year college or university. For this reason, each student must meet with an advisor for information and assistance in creating a course schedule of lower-division courses that are applicable to the particular program chosen.

The AA degree requires a General Education component of 36 credit hours plus 24 other credit hours, including the three-credit SLS 1122 *First-Year Seminar* course (a graduation requirement), for a total of 60 credits. The public universities and colleges in Florida agree that once students are certified by Polk State as having completed the General Education requirements, no further General Education courses are required of them when they transfer.

Some courses designed for use in Associate in Science (AS) degree programs are not applicable in AA degree programs. AA students should not take these courses and should consult with an advisor prior to registration to avoid taking unnecessary or inapplicable courses.

AA General Education Requirements

Polk State College requires AA students to earn 36 credit hours of General Education coursework in specified areas. Some upper-division majors have modified General Education requirements. Students should consult with an academic advisor to determine the General Education and elective requirements of their chosen upper-division major.

Pursuant to *Florida Statute Section 1007.25(3)* and *SBE Rule 6A.14.0303*, students must complete at least one course from a

list of courses that are common to all state colleges and universities for each of the General Education subject areas: Communications, Mathematics, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. The options outlined below ensure that students who earn a degree at Polk State meet this statewide requirement.

Communications (6 Credits Required)

- ENC 1101 - College Composition I
- ENC 1102 - College Composition II

Mathematics (6 Credits Required)

One course must be from List A; the other can be from List A or B.

List A

- MAC 1105 - College Algebra
- MGF 1106 - Topics in Mathematics
- MGF 1107 - Explorations in Mathematics
- MAC 1114 - Trigonometry *
- MAC 1140 - Precalculus Algebra *
- MAC 1147 - Precalculus Algebra / Trigonometry *
- MAC 2233 - Applied Calculus I
- MAC 2311 - Calculus I
- STA 2023 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics

** Students who take MAC 1147 cannot take MAC 1114 and/or MAC 1140. Students who take MAC 1114 and/or MAC 1140 cannot take MAC 1147.*

List B

- MAC 2312 - Calculus II

Humanities (9 Credits Required)

Both of the following courses are required:

- HUM 2020 - Introduction to Humanities
- LIT 1000 - Introduction to Literature

Students also select one of the following:

- AML 2010 - Survey of American Literature: Colonial Period to the Civil War
- AML 2020 - Survey of American Literature: Post Civil War to the 1960s
- ARH 1050 - Introduction to Art History I
- ARH 1051 - Introduction to Art History II

- ARH 2000 - Art Appreciation
- ENL 2010 - Survey of British Literature: Beginnings to the 18th Century
- ENL 2022 - Survey of British Literature: 19th and 20th Centuries
- ENL 2330 - Introduction to Shakespeare
- FIL 1000 - Introduction to Film
- HUM 2250 - Contemporary Humanities
- HUM 2310 - World Mythology
- HUM 2322 - Women in Humanities
- HUM 2454 - Introduction to African-American Studies
- LIT 1201 - Current Interest Themes in Literature
- LIT 2110 - World Literature through the Renaissance
- LIT 2120 - World Literature: Renaissance to Present
- LIT 2174 - Literature of the Holocaust
- LIT 2380 - Women in Literature
- LIT 2510 - Male and Female Images in Literature
- MUL 1010 - Music Appreciation
- MUH 2110 - Music History and Literature
- ORI 2001 - Oral Interpretation
- PHI 2010 - Introduction to Philosophy
- PHI 2100 - Logic
- PHI 2600 - Ethics
- REL 2000 - Introduction to Religious Studies
- REL 2300 - World Religions
- THE 1000 - Theatre Appreciation

Social Sciences (6 Credits Required)

Two courses are required. Students must select one course from List A; the second course can be from List A or List B.

List A

- ANT 1000 - General Anthropology
- AMH 1020 - History of the United States: 1877 to the Present
- ECO 2013 - Principles of Macroeconomics
- POS 2041 - American National Government
- PSY 2012 - General Psychology
- SYG 2000 - Introduction to Sociology

List B

- AMH 1010 - History of the United States: 1607-1877
- ECO 2023 - Principles of Microeconomics
- POS 1112 - State and Local Government
- SYG 2010 - Social Problems
- WOH 1012 - World Civilization to 1500
- WOH 1022 - World Civilization from 1500 to the Present

Natural Sciences (9 Credits Required)

Health and Wellness (Choose One)

- HLP 1081 - Wellness Concepts
- HSC 1101 - Wellness: Nutrition, Personal Growth, and Fitness

Biological and Physical Sciences (7 Credits Required)

One course must be from List A; the other can be from List A or B. One of the two courses must have a lab component.

List A

- AST 1002 - Descriptive Astronomy
- BSC 1005C - Survey of Biological Science
- BSC 1010C - Principles of Biology I
- BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- CHM 1045C - General Chemistry I
- ESC 1000 - Survey of Earth Science
- EVR 1001C - Environmental Science
- PHY 2020C - Fundamentals of Physics
- PHY 2048C - General Physics I with Calculus
- PHY 2053C - General Physics I

List B

- BSC 1311C - Introduction to Marine Biology
- BSC 1011C - Principles of Biology II
- BSC 1033 - Biological Issues
- BSC 1084C - Basic Anatomy and Physiology
- BSC 2086C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- CHM 1025C - Introductory Chemistry
- CHM 1046C - General Chemistry II
- GLY 2010C - Physical Geology
- MET 1010 - Introduction to Meteorology

- OCE 2001C - Oceanography
- PHY 2049C - General Physics II with Calculus
- PHY 2054C - General Physics II
- PSC 1121 - Survey of Physical Science
- PSC 2515 - Energy and Humanity

Foreign Language Proficiency

In addition to earning 36 credits of General Education courses as delineated above, AA graduates must also demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language through any of the following means: completion of two years of high school instruction in the same foreign language, completion of a college-level course at the Elementary-2 level (or higher) in a foreign language or in American Sign Language (ASL) (e.g., SPN 1131 *First Year Spanish II*, FRE 1131 *First Year French II*, or ASL 1150 *American Sign Language II*), achievement of minimum scores on a foreign language proficiency exam approved by the Registrar's Office, achievement of a score of three (3) or higher on the Advanced Placement exam in a foreign language, or completion of a high school diploma from a foreign country where the student studied in a language other than English.
