

Student ID:_____	Catalog: Catalog/Handbook 2024-2025
Student Name:_____	Program: Liberal Arts, AA
Adviser Name:_____	Minimum Credits Required:_____

Liberal Arts, AA

Program: 11000

The Associate in Arts (AA) degree program is intended for the student interested in pursuing a four-year baccalaureate degree. Each program of study leading to an AA degree consists of a common core of General Education courses, specific program requirements (if applicable), and elective courses. Each first-time-in-college (FTIC) student must also complete the three-credit class, SLS 1122 *First-Year Seminar*, as a graduation requirement. A student may complete only one AA degree. An individual who already holds an Associate in Arts or baccalaureate degree is not eligible to enroll in an AA degree program.

The program requirements to enter specific majors within the State University System are quite varied. A 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 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 a Polk State College Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts.

Although the State articulation agreement ensures transferability of the AA degree into the State University System, specific prerequisite courses for intended majors must be taken at Polk State 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 a student is certified by Polk State as having completed the General Education requirements, no further General Education courses are required upon transfer.

Some courses designed for use in Associate in Science (AS) degree programs are not applicable in AA degree programs. An AA student 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

The Polk State College Associate in Arts (AA) degree requires 36 credit hours of General Education coursework in specified areas. Some upper-division majors have modified General Education requirements. A student should consult with an academic advisor to determine the General Education and elective requirements of the chosen upper-division major.

Pursuant to *Florida Statute Section 1007.25(3)* and *State Board of Education (SBE) Rule 6A.14.0303*, an AA student 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 each student who earns a degree at Polk State meets this statewide requirement.

Communications (6 Credits Required)

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ENC 1101 - College Composition I			
ENC 1102 - College Composition II			

Mathematics (6 Credits Required)

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

List A

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
MAC 1105 - College Algebra			
MAC 1114 - Trigonometry			
MAC 1140 - Precalculus Algebra			
MAC 1147 - Precalculus Algebra/Trigonometry			
MAC 2233 - Applied Calculus I			
MAC 2311 - Calculus I			
MGF 1130 - Mathematical Thinking			
STA 2023 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics			
Note: A student who takes MAC 1147 cannot take MAC 1114 and/or MAC 1140. A student who takes MAC 1114 and/or MAC 1140 cannot take MAC 1147.			

List B

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
MAC 2312 - Calculus II			
MGF 1131 - Mathematics in Context			

Humanities (9 Credits Required)

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
Both of the following courses are required:			
HUM 2020 - Introduction to Humanities			
LIT 1000 - Introduction to Literature			
The student must also select one of the following:			
ARH 1050 - Introduction to Art History I			
ARH 1051 - Introduction to Art History II			
ARH 2000 - Art Appreciation			
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 2174 - Literature of the Holocaust			
MUL 1010 - Music Appreciation			
MUH 2110 - Music History and Literature			
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. The student must select one course from List A; the second course can be from List A or List B.

List A

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ANT 1000 - General Anthropology			
AMH 1010 - History of the United States: 1607-1877			
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			

List B

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ECO 2023 - Principles of Microeconomics			
POS 1112 - State and Local Government			
SYG 2000 - Introduction to Sociology			
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)

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
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

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
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AST 1002 - Descriptive Astronomy			
BSC 1005C - Survey of Biological Science			
BSC 1010C - Principles of Biology I			
BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I			
CHM 1020 - Chemistry for Liberal Studies			
CHM 1045C - General Chemistry I			
ESC 1000 - Survey of Earth Science			
EVR 1001C - Environmental Science			
GLY 2010C - Physical Geology			
OCE 2001C - Oceanography			
PHY 2020C - Fundamentals of Physics			
PHY 2048C - General Physics I with Calculus			
PHY 2053C - General Physics I			

List B

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
BSC 1011C - Principles of Biology II			
BSC 1033 - Biological Issues			
BSC 1084C - Basic Anatomy and Physiology			
BSC 1311C - Introduction to Marine Biology			
BSC 2086C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II			
CHM 1025C - Introductory Chemistry			
CHM 1046C - General Chemistry II			
MET 1010 - Introduction to Meteorology			
PHY 2049C - General Physics II with Calculus			
PHY 2054C - General Physics II			
PSC 1121 - Survey of Physical Science			
PSC 2515 - Energy and Humanity			

Program Electives (24 Credits Required)

Note: A first-time-in-college student must also complete the three-credit class, SLS 1122 - First-Year Seminar. Additionally, most college-level credit courses taught at Polk State can count toward elective credit within a degree. Any credits taken in excess of the minimum required within any of the five core areas listed above count as elective credits. University majors require certain prerequisite courses before transferring; these are the courses that should be taken as electives.

Total Program Hours: 60**Foreign Language Proficiency**

In addition to earning 36 credits of General Education courses as delineated above, the AA graduate 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 the minimum score on a foreign language proficiency exam approved by the Registrar's Office, achievement of a score of three or higher on the Advanced Placement exam in a foreign language, or completion of a high school diploma in a foreign country where the student studied in a language other than English.

Civic Literacy Competency

Pursuant to Rule 6A-10.02413 of the *Florida Administrative Code*, effective in the Fall 2022 Semester, competency in civic literacy is a requirement for each student receiving an **Associate in Arts** or **baccalaureate** degree. Competency in civic literacy must be demonstrated through one of the two options listed below:

Option 1:

Successful completion of one of the following courses:

- AMH 1010 - History of the United States: 1607-1877
- AMH 1020 - History of the United States: 1877 to the Present
- POS 2041 - American National Government

AND

Successful completion of the Florida Civic Literacy Examination with a score of 60% or better.

Option 2:

Completion of **one** of the following assessments with the score indicated:

- The Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in U.S. Government and Politics with a score of three or better.
- The Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in United States History with a score of four or better.
- The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) American Government Exam with a score of 50 or better.

Note: All approved accelerated credit is listed in *Credit-By-Exam Equivalencies*. The *Credit-by-Exam* section of the *Florida State Articulation Committee website* provides further details.

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