



# Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Winona, Red Wing, and Online

## OVERVIEW

A well-rounded education with a range of courses in the arts, humanities, mathematics, and sciences lays the foundation for lifelong learning. By completing an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences (60 Credits) at Minnesota State College Southeast, you will earn a credential that enables you to transfer into a four-year university program as a college junior.

Studying liberal arts and sciences goes beyond memorizing facts; it teaches you how to learn, preparing you to adapt to an ever-changing world. Instead of training for a specific job, you gain communication and reasoning skills that enhance your career opportunities in any field you might pursue in the future. The Liberal Arts and Sciences AA degree is an excellent starting point if you are exploring your career options.

Students can complete an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences within four semesters at Southeast. The college offers all essential courses every semester, including evening, online, and hybrid classes. A full array of Liberal Arts and Sciences courses is available at both the Red Wing and Winona campuses, and online.

This degree serves as a starting point for students unsure of their career paths, those aiming to transfer to a 4-year program not offered at Southeast, or those seeking a well-rounded 2-year general education degree

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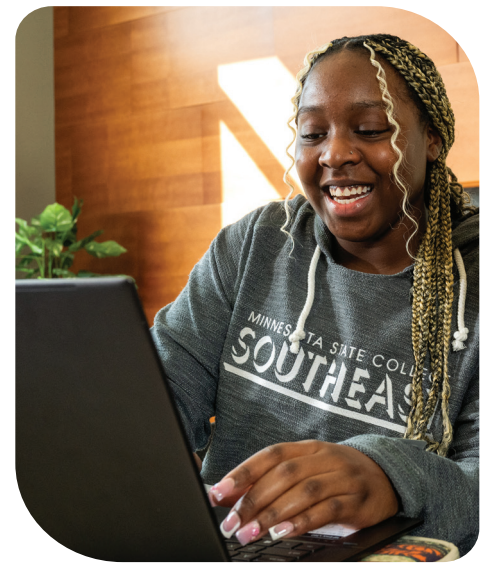
Associate of Arts 60 credits  
See back side for MnTC requirements

## TRANSFER

Learn how your credits can transfer between Minnesota State colleges and universities at [mntransfer.org](http://mntransfer.org).

This is a web service that enables students and advisors to access official, consistent and accurate transfer information. MnTransfer is a collaborative effort among:

- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Minnesota private colleges
- University of Minnesota



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Build skills and knowledge that will remain relevant today, tomorrow, and beyond

Gain high-demand analytical, communication and critical thinking, skills

Meet general education requirements needed for transfer

Choose electives that are appropriate for your planned transfer program

Small class sizes and dedicated faculty

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

An associate of arts degree is the foundation of your future education. This degree is designed for transfer to 4-year colleges and universities.

However, the lifelong skills and abilities mastered in the Associate of Arts program will serve students who may enter the workforce directly after completing the degree.

[southeastmn.edu](http://southeastmn.edu)



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## Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences Sample Full-time Program Plan

Please note that this is a sample program schedule. Your schedule may vary depending upon your needs, goals, and course availability.

### Liberal Arts - AA Degree (Sample Plan)

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>		
ENGL 1215	College Writing I	3
COMM 1218	College Speech <b>OR</b>	
COMM 1228	Interpersonal Communications	3
Goal 5*	History/Social/Behavioral Science	3
Goal 6*	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
INSP 1525	Career and Educational Planning	1
HLTH	Any 1000 level Health course	1
COMP	Any 1000 level Comp course	1
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>		
ENGL 2525	College Writing 2	3
Goal 3*	Natural Science (without lab)	3
Goal 4	Mathematics	3
Goal 5*	History/Social/Behavioral Science	3
Goal 6*	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Third Semester (Fall)</b>		
Goal 3*	Natural Science (with lab)	4
Goal 5*	History/Social/Behavioral Science	3
Goal 6*	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
Any Course	1000 or above	3
HLTH	Any Health course	1
COMP	Any Computer course	1
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Semester Spring**</b>		
Goal 7	Human Diversity	3
Goal 8	Global Perspectives	3
Goal 9	Ethical/Civic Responsibility	3
Goal 10	People and the Environment	3
Any Course	1100 or above	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Required Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

\* Goals 3, 5, 6 require courses from at least two different subject areas.

\*\* Courses in Goals 1-6 may also count in Goals 7-10. Work with your advisor to ensure you complete 60 total credits.

**See next page for additional AA planning worksheet**

## Minnesota State College Southeast: ASSOCIATE OF ARTS Degree or MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM Plan

(AA: 40 MnTC credits, 4 Additional credits and 16 Liberal Arts and Sciences credits)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Part I. Gen Eds for Transfer Curriculum Courses					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
<b>Goal 1: Written and Oral Communications (9 cr)</b>					
		College Writing I (required)	3		
		College Speech OR Interpersonal Communications (required)	3		
		College Writing II (required)	3		
<b>Goal 2: Critical Thinking (0 – 3 cr)</b>					
<b>Goal 3: Natural Science (two courses from two different subjects 6 - 8 cr – one course with traditional lab)</b>					
<b>Goal 4: Mathematical / Logical Reasoning ( one course 3 cr)</b>					
<b>Goal 5: History and the Social Behavioral Sciences (three courses from at least 2 different subjects 9 cr)</b>					
<b>Goal 6: The Humanities (three courses from at least 2 different subjects 9 cr)</b>					
<b>Goal 7: Human Diversity (one course 3 cr)</b>					
<b>Goal 8: Global Perspective (one course 3 cr)</b>					

Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility (one course 3 cr)					
<b>Goal 10: People and the Environment (one course 3 cr)</b>					

Part II. Additional Requirements for AA Degree					
<b>Health and Wellness Requirement (2 cr)</b>					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
<b>Technology Requirement (2 cr)</b>					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term

Part III. Elective Courses for AA Degree					
Prefix	No	Course Title	Cr	Gr	Term
Elective Required credits (16 credits)					

Be sure your AA Degree Plan is approved by your advisor. Changes may be made to this plan by meeting with the AA Degree Advisor.

AA Degree Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AA Degree Checklist -**

- I have received 33% or more of the program credits from MSC Southeast.
- I have earned a 2.0 GPA or greater. My overall GPA \_\_\_\_\_. My Mn Transfer Curriculum GPA \_\_\_\_\_.
- My AA plan has been approved by my AA Degree Advisor, including:
  - I have met the Transfer Goals credit requirement. Part I
  - I have met the Additional requirements. Part II
  - I have met the Elective credit requirements. Part III
- Once this plan has been successfully completed, you are ready to apply for graduation. See your AA Degree Advisor.