

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) DEGREE

### Admission Program Objective Code 1043

The Associate of Arts Degree is equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor's degree program and is offered for those students planning to transfer to a four-year institution to complete the last two years of a bachelor's degree program. The A.A. Degree is awarded upon satisfactory completion of 60 credit hours of general education and college credit electives, attainment of the appropriate minimum grade point averages, CLAST requirements, and completion of all other applicable college graduation requirements, including the Speaking-Across-the-Curriculum and computer literacy requirements.

**A.A. Degree students should work closely with a counselor or faculty advisor to select the appropriate courses to meet their degree goals.**

### A.A. Degree Requirements

The A.A. Degree curriculum requires the following.

1. Complete a minimum of 60 college credits per the following distribution:
  - A. Complete 36 credit hours of general education courses distributed appropriately across the Communications, Humanities, Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Natural Sciences, and General Education Elective Categories presented on pages 74 & 75.
  - B. Complete 24 credit hours of non-occupational college credit electives. (Students should consult with a counselor or advisor to select the electives most appropriate to their intended baccalaureate program.)
2. Meet the minimum grade and writing requirements specified in FAC Rule 6A-10.030 (the "Gordon Rule"):
  - Attain a grade of "C" or higher in each Gordon Rule writing course (any general education course from the Communications or Humanities Categories, and those designated as Gordon Rule in the Social Science Category), whether credits in such courses are earned at OWC or elsewhere.
  - Complete the 24,000 word Gordon Rule writing requirement; (students who complete 6 credits each from the Communications and Humanities Categories, and an additional Gordon Rule Social Science course, will satisfy this requirement).
  - Attain a grade of "C" or higher in each Gordon Rule mathematics course (any course from the Mathematics Category that is used to meet A.A. general education requirements), whether credits in such courses are earned at OWC or elsewhere.
3. Satisfy the College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) requirements.
  4. Complete at least 15 credits at OWC; (normally, an A.A. Degree seeking student will be required to complete his/her last fifteen credits at OWC).
  5. Maintain minimum GPA standards as specified in the graduation requirements section of this catalog.
  6. Meet all general college graduation requirements.

**Custom Designed Associate of Arts Degree Programs.** Students who wish to pursue a planned program of transfer studies customized to meet the requirements of a specific program or upper-division school may request development of a customized A.A. Degree plan by submitting a written request to the Vice President for Instruction. If approved, the student will work with an advisor from the specialty area to develop his/her sequence of courses. Customized plans must accommodate the OWC general education requirements, as well as all applicable college graduation policies.

**Transferring to a Four-Year College or University within the State of Florida.** OWC faculty members, counselors and advisors will gladly assist students in achieving a smooth transfer to senior institutions in Florida. Liaison representatives from the respective public institutions in the state are eager to help OWC. Several of the liaisons make regular visits to campus and will meet directly with students to answer questions. The names of the liaisons and dates of upcoming visits are available in the Office of Enrollment Services. In addition, Common Prerequisite Manuals for the Florida State University System, as well as many university catalogs are available in the Learning Resources Center, the student services areas at each college location or at [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org).

It is desirable that students transferring to a senior institution plan their program so that common prerequisites can be completed for the upper-division transfer school for their major. It is

best for the student to complete the entire two-year degree program prior to transfer, as A.A. graduates who transfer to one of the institutions in the Florida State University System enjoy certain protections under the statewide articulation agreement. These rights are presented in the “Student Bill of Rights” below.

While OWC offers the necessary prerequisites for all of the State of Florida University Baccalaureate Programs beginning on page 76, degree plans for the most common A.A. transfer programs and the articulation agreement between OWC and Florida A & M University (FAMU) pre-architecture program are listed beginning on page 82. Students are encouraged to consult a current catalog from the upper-division school where they plan to transfer in addition to meeting with an OWC advisor or faculty member to acquire an official program plan of study for their intended major.

#### **Special Foreign Language Requirements for Entry into Upper-Level Florida Universities.**

Effective August 1, 1990, according to requirements of the Florida Board of Regents, new applicants to any of the state universities must have completed two years of one foreign language in high school, or eight-ten credit hours in one foreign language at the college level. There are two exceptions to this requirement: 1) students who received an A.A. Degree prior to September 1, 1989, or 2) students who enrolled in a program leading to an A.A. Degree prior to August 1, 1989 and maintained continuous enrollment. Students who are not exempt but fail to satisfy the requirement, may be admitted to the university as part of the 5% admissions exceptions group but will be required to complete eight-ten credit hours in one foreign language as a graduation requirement, regardless of the requirements in the student’s major. Students transferring into the Florida SUS without an A.A. Degree or fewer than 60 transferable credits must meet this foreign language requirement before going on to the upper division. OWC offers the necessary coursework in French, Spanish, and American Sign Language (ASL) to meet the Florida SUS admission requirements.

### **Student Bill of Rights**

Florida Community College Associate of Arts graduates are guaranteed the following rights under the Statewide Articulation Agreement (State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.024):

1. Admission to one of the state universities, except to limited access\* programs.
2. Acceptance of at least 60 credit hours by the state university toward the baccalaureate degree.
3. Adherence to university requirements and policies based on the catalog in effect at the time the student first entered a community college, provided the student maintains continuous enrollment.
4. Transfer of equivalent courses under the Statewide Course Numbering System.
5. Acceptance by the state universities of credit earned in accelerated programs (e.g., CLEP, DANTES, AP, PEP, Dual Enrollment, Early Admission and International Baccalaureate).
6. No additional General Education Core requirements.
7. Advance knowledge of selection criteria for limited access programs.
8. Equal opportunity with native university students to enter limited access programs.

Should any guarantee be denied, students have the right of appeal. Each state university and community college shall make available established appeal procedures through the respective articulation officers. At OWC, students may contact the Vice President for Instruction or the Dean of Students.

\* Limited Access is the designation given to programs that require additional admission requirements which are more selective than general admission requirements. These may include the following: increased total GPA and test scores; additional courses and prerequisites; and auditions and portfolios.



*OWC offers several unique programs in partnership with the University of West Florida. OWC's 2+2 campus with the UWF in Fort Walton Beach offers academic programs from the associate degree to the doctorate level. A joint program with UWF at the Niceville campus Arts Center offers a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Arts/Humanities. The Okaloosa county based Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is a joint program between OWC and UWF with O-W offering upper division instruction (3000 and 4000 level courses) for a majority of the clinical courses as well as for a portion of the theory classes. The degree is awarded by UWF.*

*Even with an annual enrollment of more than 15,200 students, the park-like environment at OWC's Niceville and Fort Walton Beach campuses provide opportunity for quiet study.*



## A.A. DEGREE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Associate of Arts students must complete sixty (60) college credits to complete the degree. Thirty-six (36) of these credits must be general education credits distributed across five subject area categories. A student must satisfy the minimum number of credits in each category. No more than one credit (1) may be selected from the list of General Education Electives (category G). The remaining twenty-four (24) elective credits should be selected in consultation with an advisor, who will assist the student in selecting college credits most advantageous to the student's educational goals.

### COURSES MEETING GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Numbers in parentheses represent the minimum and maximum credit hours in each category allowable toward the total 36 general education credits. If the maximum is taken in one category, the lower number becomes the maximum allowable in the other disciplines. See Section "G" for one-credit electives.

#### A. Communications Skills (6)\*

ENC 1101 $\Delta$	English Composition I.....	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II.....	3

#### B. Mathematics (6-7): Select two general education Gordon Rule mathematics courses from the list below.\*\*

MAC 1105	College Algebra.....	3
MAC 1140	Pre-Calculus Algebra.....	3
MAC 1114	Trigonometry.....	3
MAC 1147	Precalculus Algebra/Trig.....	4
MAC 2311	Calculus I.....	4
MAC 2312	Calculus II.....	4
MAC 2313	Calculus III.....	4
MAC 2233	Calculus for Business.....	3
MAP 2302	Differential Equations.....	3
MAS 2103	Linear Algebra.....	3
MGF 1106	Math for Liberal Arts I.....	3
MGF 1107	Math for Liberal Arts II.....	3
STA 2023	Statistics.....	3

\* Communications courses listed on this page and under General Education Electives meet the 6000 word writing assignment as required by FAC Rule 6A-10.030. Credits earned in these courses in the Fall term of 1982 or later at OWC or by transfer shall be based on a minimum grade of "C."

\*\* Mathematics courses listed on this page meet the mathematics requirements for FAC Rule 6A-10.030. Credits earned in the Fall term of 1982 or later at OWC or by transfer that are applicable toward A.A. general education require a minimum grade of "C."

\*\*\* Humanities courses listed on this page and under General Education Electives meet the 4000 word writing assignment as required by FAC Rule 6A-10.030. Credits earned in these courses in the Fall term or later at OWC or by transfer shall be based on a minimum grade of "C."

† Courses listed with this symbol contain an oral communication component and may be used to satisfy the Speaking-Across-the-Curriculum requirement.

❖ This college credit course qualifies as having an international and/or diversity focus for Teacher Education Programs common prerequisites.

$\Delta$  Technology-Across-the Curriculum Course

#### C. Humanities (6): Select two general education Gordon Rule humanities courses\*\*\* following either Plan A, B, or C:

- A. Choose one course from Area I, and one course from Area II, OR
- B. Choose two courses from Area II, and a SPC course from Category G to meet Speaking-Across-The-Curriculum (SATC) requirement.
- C. Choose two courses from Area I.

#### I. Speaking-Across-The Curriculum (SATC) Humanities

ARH 2050 $\dagger$ ❖	Art History: Pre-Renaissance.....	3
ARH 2051 $\dagger$ ❖	Art History: Renaissance – 18th Century Neo-Classicism.....	3
ARH 2060 $\dagger$ ❖	Architecture History.....	3
ARH 2411 $\dagger$	Art History: Modern Art.....	3
HUM 1020 $\dagger$	Humanities – Introduction.....	3
HUM 2251 $\dagger$ ❖	Humanities – A Contemporary Perspective.....	3
MUH 1001 $\dagger$	Humanities – Music.....	3
PHI 2600 $\dagger$ ❖	Introduction to Ethics.....	3
THE 2071 $\dagger$	Humanities – Cinema Appreciation.....	3
THE 2100 $\dagger$	Introduction to Theatre History.....	3
THE 2300 $\dagger$	Dramatic Literature.....	3

#### II. General Humanities

AML 2010	Survey of American Literature.....	3
AML 2020	Survey of American Literature II.....	3
ARH 1000	Humanities Art.....	3
ENL 2012A	English Literature I.....	3
ENL 2022	English Literature II.....	3
HUM 2700❖	Humanities – Foreign Study.....	3
LIT 2090❖	Contemporary Literature.....	3
LIT 2100❖	World Literature.....	3
PHI 2010❖	Introduction to Philosophy.....	3
REL 2300❖	Introduction to World Religions.....	3

**D. Natural Sciences (11-12):** Select one Natural Science course from each of the three areas below.

**I. Biological Science: (Choose one)**

BOT 1010C	Botany	.....4
BSC 1005Δ	Biology	.....4
BSC 1010CΔ	Principles of Biology I	.....4
BSC 1011C	Principles of Biology II	.....4
BSC 1085CΔ	Anatomy & Physiology I	.....4
BSC 1086C	Anatomy & Physiology II	.....4
PCB 2011C	Cell Biology	.....4
ZOO 1010C	Zoology	.....4

**II. Physical Science: (Choose one)**

AST 1002	Astronomy	.....4
CHM 1020	Chemical Science	.....4
CHM 1032C	General Chemistry for Life Sciences	.....4
CHM 1045C	College Chemistry I	.....4
CHM 1046C	College Chemistry II	.....4
ESC 1000	Earth Science	.....4
GLY 2010C	Physical Geology	.....4
GLY 2100C	Historical Geology	.....4
MET 1010	Introduction to Meteorology	.....4
OCE 1005C	Introduction to Oceanography	.....4
PHY 1020	Physical Science	.....4
PHY 1053C	Physics I	.....4
PHY 1054C	Physics II	.....4
PHY 2048C	College Physics I	.....4
PHY 2049C	College Physics II	.....4

**III. Choose one additional science course from either Area I or Area II above OR:**

HLP 1081	Wellness: Practice/Theory	.....3
_____	<b>OR,</b> Any Biological or Physical Science Course from Area I or Area II above	.....4

**E. Social Sciences/History/Government (3):**

Select one general education Gordon Rule social science course\*\*\*\* from the list below:

AMH 2010	American History I	.....3
AMH 2020	American History II	.....3
AMH 1041	American Civilization	.....3
POS 1041	American Government	.....3
POT 1002	History/Ideas of Political Science	.....3
SYG 2010❖	Social Problems	.....3
WOH 1012❖	World Civilization I	.....3
WOH 1022❖	World Civilization II	.....3
WOH 2040❖	Twentieth Century	.....3

**F. Social Science/Behavioral Science (3):**

Select one general education social science course from the list below OR a second general education social science course from Category E:

ANT 2000❖	Introduction to Anthropology	.....3
ANT 2100❖	Introduction to Archaeology	.....3
ECO 2013	Economics I	.....3
GEA 1000❖	World Regional Geography	.....3
PSY 2012	Psychology	.....3
SYG 2000❖	Sociology	.....3

**G. General Education Electives (Maximum of 1 credit in the total 36 required for the A.A. Degree)**

ART 1905 / MUS 1905 / THE 1905 / HUM 1905***	.....1
BSC 1005L	Biology Lab .....1
BSC 1050C	Environmental Studies .....1 of 4****
BSC 1250C	Tropical Biology .....1 of 4****
CHM 1020L	Chemical Science Lab .....1
ESC 1000L	Earth Science Lab .....1
ENG 1001	Research Papers .....1*
	or
HUM 2920	Humanities/Colloquium .....1
HUN 2201Δ	Nutrition .....1 of 3****
ISS 1905	Independent Study/Soc. Sci. ....1
LIS 1001	Library Skills .....1
LIS 2004Δ	Internet Research .....1
PHY 1020L	Physical Science Lab .....1
PHY 2105	Modern Physics .....1 of 3****
REL 2163❖	Science, Religion and Nature ...1 of 3****
SPC 1006†	Essentials of Speech .....1
SPC 1600†	Speech .....1 of 3****
SLS 1501	Effective Study .....1

\*\*\*\* Social Science courses listed on this page meet the 4000 word writing assignment as required by FAC Rule 6A-10.030. Credits earned in these courses in the Fall 2002 term or later at OWC or by transfer shall be based on a minimum grade of "C".

\*\*\*\*\* Only 1 credit of the total credits for this course may apply toward A.A. Degree general education; the remaining credits may be counted toward the twenty-four credit electives required for the A.A. degree.

**A.A. Degree Checklist – Let’s Review:**

- Have you completed a minimum of 60 credit hours in the following areas?
  - 36 Hours of General Education
  - 6 hours in Communications – Gordon Rule writing 12,000 words (minimum grade of "C")
  - 6 hours in Humanities – Gordon Rule writing 8,000 words (minimum grade of "C")
  - 6 hours in Social Science – Gordon Rule writing 4,000 words (minimum grade of "C")
  - 6 hours in Mathematics – Gordon Rule (minimum grade of "C")
  - 11-12 hours in Natural Science
  - 1 hour in General Education Elective - If above 5 areas do not equal 36
  - 24 Hours of College Credit AA Transferable Electives
- Have you completed at least 15 of the 60 credits at OWC?
- Have you completed the Speaking-Across-the-Curriculum requirement? (Look for courses marked with †)
- Have you completed the Writing-Across-the-Curriculum requirement (24,000 words)?
- Have you completed the Technology-Across-the-Curriculum requirement? (Look for courses marked with Δ)
- Have you met the CLAST requirement?
- Have you met the minimum GPA requirements for the AA?
- Have you Applied for Graduation by the advertised deadline?

State programs are distributed in the following categories to assist students in designing OWC programs.

Program changes, additions or deletions are mandated through the Florida Department of Education. For the most current program listings, contact the Office of Enrollment Services. Information on appropriate prerequisite courses for each program are listed in the Florida Common Prerequisites Manual available in the Student Services offices at all OWC sites or at [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org).

## State of Florida University Baccalaureate Programs

### **Agribusiness & Agriculture**

Agricultural Business/Operations  
Agriculture (Food and Resource) Economics  
Agriculture Science  
Agronomy & Crop Science  
Animal Science  
Dairy Science  
Food Science & Technology – 2 Tracks  
Dietetics/Nutritional Science  
Food Science & Nutritional Sciences  
Horticulture Science  
Landscape Operations & Management  
Plant Sciences  
Poultry Science  
Soils Science

### **Architecture & Environmental Design**

Architecture  
Construction/Building Technology – Universities  
Design in Architecture Studies  
Separate:  
FAMU – Construction Engineering  
Technology  
FIU – Construction Management  
UF – Building Construction

### **Area & Ethnic Studies**

African-American (Black) Studies  
American Studies (USA)  
Asian Studies  
Jewish Studies  
Latin American Studies  
Russian & East European Studies  
Women's Studies

### **Business & Management**

Accounting  
Business Administration & Management  
Business Managerial Economics  
Business Marketing Management  
Business, General  
Finance, General  
Financial Services  
Hospitality Administration/Management  
Human Resources Management  
Insurance & Risk Management  
International Business Management  
Management Science  
Mgmt. Info Systems/Business Data Processing  
Real Estate  
Transportation Management

### **Computer & Info Sci. & Computer Engineering**

Computer & Information Science – 2 Tracks  
Computer & Information Sciences  
Computer Science  
Computer Engineering – 2 Tracks  
Computer & Information Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Information Sciences & Systems

### **Criminal Justice**

Criminal Justice Studies

### **Education**

Agricultural Teacher Education (Vocational)  
Art Teacher Education  
Business Teacher Education (Vocational)  
Education of the Emotionally Handicap  
Education of the Mentally Handicapped  
Education of Blind & Visually Handicapped  
Education of Specific Learning Disabled  
Elementary Teacher Education  
English Teacher Education  
Foreign Languages Teacher Education  
Health Teacher Education  
Home Economics Teacher Education  
(Vocational)  
Junior High/Middle School Teacher Education  
Mathematics Teacher Education  
Science Teacher Education  
Mathematics Teacher Education – Middle  
Mathematics Teacher Education – Secondary  
Music Teacher Education  
Physical Education Teaching & Coaching  
Pre-Elementary/Early Childhood Teacher  
Educa.  
Science Teacher Education – 5 Tracks  
Secondary Science/Math Teaching  
Secondary Teacher Education  
Biology Teacher Education  
Chemistry Teacher Education  
Earth/Space Teacher Education  
Mathematics Teacher Education  
Physics Teacher Education  
Social Studies Teacher Education  
Special Education, General  
Trade & Industrial Teacher Education  
(Vocational)  
Occupational Services Training  
Technical Education  
Vocational Industrial Education

**Engineering**

Aerospace Engineering  
 Agricultural Engineering  
 Biological Systems Mgmt. & Environmental  
 Sys. Mgmt.  
 Production Management/Manufacturing  
 Processes  
 Chemical Engineering  
 Civil Engineering  
 Civil Technology  
 Coastal & Ocean Engineering  
 Design Engineering Technology  
 Electrical, Electronics Engineering  
 Electronic Engineering Technology  
 Engineering, General  
 Engineering Technology  
 Environmental Health Engineering  
 Industrial & Systems Engineering  
 Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering  
 Industrial/Manufacturing Technology  
 Materials Engineering  
 Mechanical Engineering  
 Nuclear Engineering  
 Surveying

**Foreign Languages**

Classics & Classical Language  
 East Asian Language/Literature  
 Foreign Language, Multiple  
 French  
 German  
 Greek, Classical  
 Italian  
 Latin  
 Linguistics  
 Portuguese  
 Russian  
 Spanish

**Health Professions & Related Science**

Dietetics/Nutritional Services  
 Health Services Administration  
 Health Information Management  
 Medical Technology  
 Nursing (Generic)  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Pharmacy  
 Physical Therapy  
 Respiratory Therapy  
 Speech Pathology & Audiology  
 Vocational Rehab Counseling

**Law**

Legal Assisting

**Letters**

English, General  
 English, Literature

**Liberal/General Studies**

Humanities  
 Independent Studies  
 Liberal Arts & Sciences  
 New College

**Life Sciences & Environmental Studies**

Biochemistry  
 Biology, General  
 Botany, General  
 Ecology (Limnology)  
 Entomology  
 Environmental Science – 2 Tracks  
 B.S. Program  
 B.A. Program  
 Marine/Aquatic Biology  
 Microbiology/Bacteriology  
 Plant Pathology  
 Zoology

**Mass Communication & Rhetoric**

Advertising  
 Communication (Mass)  
 Journalism  
 Magazine Production  
 Public Relations & Organizational  
 Communication  
 Radio & TV Broadcasting  
 Rhetorical Speech & Communication

**Mathematics & Statistics**

Applied Math/Math Sciences  
 Mathematics, General  
 Statistics

**One-Institution Programs**

Biological & Physical Sciences  
 Biological and Physical Sciences  
 Biology and Chemistry  
 Biology and Computer Science  
 Biology and Earth Science  
 Biology and Mathematics  
 Biology and Physics  
 Chemistry and Computer Science  
 Chemistry and Earth Science  
 Chemistry and Mathematics  
 Chemistry and Physics  
 Computer Science and Earth Science  
 Computer Science and Mathematics  
 Computer Science and Physics  
 Earth Science and Mathematics  
 Earth Science and Physics  
 Mathematics and Physics

**One-Institution Programs, continued**

Environmental Management  
 Economics & Policy Specialization  
 Human Resources Development  
 Waste Mgmt. & Utilization & Land  
 Water Mgmt.  
 Forest Resources & Conservation  
 Forest Resources & Conservation  
 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation  
 Gerontology  
 Health Science – 4 Tracks  
 Addictions Studies  
 Community Health  
 Health Administration  
 Nutrition & Dietetics  
 Home Economics, General  
 Home & Family Life – 2 Tracks  
 Home & Family Life – Family & Child Science  
 Home & Family Life – Housing  
 Independent/Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Interdisciplinary Natural Sciences  
 Landscape Architecture  
 Music Therapy  
 Physician Assistant  
 Radiologic (Medical) Technology  
 Rehabilitative Services  
 Textiles & Clothing – 3 Tracks  
 Apparel Design Technology  
 Merchandising  
 Textiles

**Parks & Recreation**

Exercise Science/Wellness  
 Parks & Recreation Management – 5 Tracks  
 Leisure Services Management  
 Leisure Services – Professional  
 Natural Resources  
 Recreation Program Delivery  
 Therapeutic Recreation

**Philosophy & Religion**

Philosophy  
 Philosophy & Religion  
 Religious Studies

**Physical Sciences**

Atmospheric Science & Meteorology  
 Astronomy  
 Chemistry  
 Chemical Sciences  
 Clinical Chemistry  
 Geology  
 Physics  
 Forensic Science  
 Radiation Physics

**Psychology**

Psychology, General  
 Social Psychology

**Public Administration & Social Work**

Public Administration  
 Social Work, General

**Social Sciences**

Anthropology  
 Economics – 2 Tracks  
 Economics – Business  
 Economics – Social Sciences  
 Geography  
 History  
 International Relations  
 Political Science & Government  
 Social Sciences, General  
 Sociology

**Visual & Performing Arts**

Art, General  
 Art History & Appreciation  
 Dance – 2 Tracks  
 B.A. Track  
 B.F.A. Track  
 Dramatic Arts  
 Graphics Arts Technology  
 Photography  
 Printing Production  
 Graphic Design  
 Interior Design  
 FIU  
 FSU  
 UF  
 Jazz Studies  
 Motion Picture, TV, Recording Arts  
 Motion Picture & TV Technology  
 Music, General  
 Music Composition  
 Music History & Appreciation  
 Music Performance  
 Music/Music Theory  
 Studio/Fine Art