

The Associate of Arts & Sciences Degree

Tips & Frequently Asked Questions

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- **ENG 101** and **MAT 105** count as electives toward the Associate Degree.

BREADTH REQUIREMENTS (See the degree requirements worksheet for specifics)

- **Associate Degree Designations** – Look at the abbreviated designation printed at the end of each course description in the timetable and catalog.
 - Sometimes courses within the same discipline count in different breadth categories.
Example: PSY 201 – Social Science
PSY 225 and 254 – Natural Science
PSY 210 – Mathematical Science
 - Many courses can be used to satisfy a breadth requirement AND one or both of the additional breadth requirements (ES and IS). Credits for these courses can only be counted in one place, but additional requirements may be “checked off” as satisfied.
Example: MUS 273 – (FA/ES)
HIS 198 – (SS/IS/ES)
- **Math & Natural Science** – Common mistakes occur in this category
 - Students sometimes overlook the fact that at least 8 (not 6 or 7) of the 11 credits required in this category must be in natural science.
 - Another common confusion is the requirement that the natural science credits must be from 2 different disciplines. Some of the disciplines include more than one department. ex. Biological Sciences houses Bacteriology, Biology, Botany, Physiology, and Zoology (see the top of page 3 of the associate degree worksheet).
 - Students often select sciences from two different departments, assuming that they are different disciplines, or take a two-course sequence within the same dept. (example: CHE 145 and CHE 155)
 - Anthropology and Psychology each have one or two courses that count as NS. Other courses from those departments do not count as NS.