

# Associate of Arts DEGREE

## Program Overview

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree is awarded for successful completion of 60 semester credits in liberal arts and sciences and is designed to constitute the first two years of a bachelor's degree. The AA degree is a liberal arts degree intended primarily for students who plan to transfer to another college or university to complete a bachelor's degree.

No specific major is listed in conjunction with the degree; however, students may choose to concentrate in a particular field of study in preparation for a planned major or professional emphasis at a four-year college or university.

An AA degree must include the entire Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (40 semester credits), which, pursuant to Minnesota statute, must transfer to any institution in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system or the University of Minnesota.

Students are to develop an educational plan in consultation with a Saint Paul College Pathway Advisor to assure that degree requirements are fulfilled. Requirements may vary depending upon the major and transfer college.

The AA degree can be completed through a variety of course delivery methods including face to face, hybrid and/or online. A student may choose to complete the entire AA degree online.

## Program Outcomes

1. Knowledge of the important concepts and principles of the natural sciences, mathematics, history, social and behavioral sciences, arts, and humanities.
2. Skills necessary for life roles, including skills in thinking, communication and methods of inquiry and applications of knowledge.
3. Critical examination of and an appreciation for diverse people, cultures and life roles.

## Program Advisors

Pathway Advisors are the Academic Advisors for the Associate of Arts degree and are located in the Advising Center, Room 1340, Main Floor.

For assistance or additional information, please call our Advising Center at 651.846.1739 or email: [advising@saintpaul.edu](mailto:advising@saintpaul.edu).

*Information is subject to change.  
This Program Requirements Guide is not a contract.*

## Program Requirements

Check off when completed

### Course Requirements Cr

Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each of the ten Goal Areas

- Goal 1: Communication** . . . . . 9  
*Minimum of 9 credit, including the following:*  
ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr  
ENGL 1712 Composition 2 – 2 cr  
COMM 17XX – 3 cr
- Goal 2: Critical Thinking**  
*Fulfilled when 10 goal areas (40 credits) are completed*
- Goal 3: Natural Sciences** . . . . . 7  
*Minimum of two courses from two different disciplines, one of which must be a lab course.*
- Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning** . . . . . 3  
*Minimum of one course. Courses must be numbered between 1700-1799 or 2700-2799.*
- Goal 5: History, Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences** . . . . . 9  
*Minimum of three courses from two different disciplines.*
- Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts** . . . . . 9  
*Minimum of three courses from two different disciplines.*
- MnTC Goal 7: Human Diversity**  
*Minimum of one course.*
- MnTC Goal 8: Global Perspective**  
*Minimum of one course.*
- MnTC Goal 9: Ethic and Civil Responsibility**  
*One eligible course.*
- MnTC Goal 10: People and the Environment**  
*Minimum of one course.*

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| <b>Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)</b>                 |    |
| Goals 1-10: . . . . .                                       | 40 |
| <b>Additional MnTC and/or pre-major electives</b> . . . . . | 20 |
| <b>Total Program Credits</b> . . . . .                      | 60 |

## Additional Requirements

- At least 60 earned college-level credits (40 MnTC credits and 20 additional MnTC, pre-major or elective credits)
- A grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1711
- Associate of Arts (AA) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Meet Saint Paul College residency requirement: 20 credits. This requirement may be reduced to 12 credits with transfer of at least 12 college-level credits from another Minnesota State College and University or the University of Minnesota

## Minnesota Transfer Curriculum

Students completing the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) must take courses that satisfy the requirements for each of the 10 Goal Areas.

- A minimum of 40 credits is required.
- Credits are counted only once toward the MnTC 40-credit minimum even though a course may be listed in more than one goal area. Courses designated with a superscript satisfy more than one goal area, i.e., BIOL 172510.
- A discipline is a subject, e.g., "Biology," "Chemistry," and "Physics" are three different disciplines.

Check [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com) to determine whether courses transfer as direct equivalents at the institution you plan to attend.

## Using the MnTC Curriculum Guide

The MnTC Curriculum Guide is available online at [saintpaul.edu/MnTC](http://saintpaul.edu/MnTC) or you can pick one up in the Advising Center or in Enrollment Services.

On the guide, pay special attention to the following:

- A (p) listed after the course title indicates that a prerequisite is required before the course can be taken.
- An asterisk (\*) after the course number indicates the course contains a lab.

**Minimum Program Entry Requirements** Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

**Reading:** Score of 78+ or grade of "C" or better in READ 0722

**Writing:** Score of 78+ on Reading Comprehension or grade of "C" or better in ENGL 0922

**Arithmetic:** Score of 20+; Visit the Advising Center to determine if transfer programs require college-level math.

**Assessment Results and Prerequisites:** Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

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