liberal arts-associate of science

Associate of Science (AS)
Program Code: 20-800-2
Total Credits: 60

Students in the Liberal Arts-Associate of Science (University Transfer) program take courses to meet the general requirements of a four-year degree, just like at a four-year campus. Through inquiry, observation, and analysis, students gain knowledge and skills in the arts and sciences, which enable them to broaden their perspective, increase problem-solving skills, and express themselves effectively in both writing and speaking. Students take courses within a core curriculum, with an emphasis on science and mathematics.

The Liberal Arts-Associate of Science program is a special partnership with Nicolet College. Students will receive all the cost savings and the convenience of a complete liberal arts transfer degree while taking classes at a Mid-State Technical College campus, online, or via TelePresence.

Students complete coursework at Mid-State and graduate with a Nicolet Liberal Arts-Associate of Science degree.

Students who complete an associate degree often have the benefit of a degree-to-degree transfer, where universities grant junior status and automatically waive specific lower-division requirements, such as general degree requirements, regardless of individual courses taken at Mid-State Technical College.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR
To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715.422.5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.
BACHELOR'S DEGREE OPTIONS
Edgewood College
Northland College
University of Minnesota-Duluth
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
UW-Eau Claire
UW-Extension
UW-Green Bay
UW-La Crosse
UW-Madison
UW-Milwaukee
UW-Oshkosh
UW-Parkside
UW-Platteville
UW-River Falls
UW-Stevens Point
UW-Stout
UW-Superior
UW-Whitewater

For more information and additional opportunities, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

BEGIN AT ANY POINT IN THE PATHWAY

OTHER OPTIONS

RELATED PROGRAMS
• Liberal Arts-Associate of Arts
PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Employers will expect you, as an Liberal Arts-Associate of Science graduate, to be able to:

• Employ effective verbal and nonverbal communication skills in diverse professional and social contexts.
• Demonstrate quantitative reasoning skills at the appropriate undergraduate level.
• Demonstrate critical-thinking skills at the appropriate undergraduate level.
• Demonstrate effective use of scientific method skills in a variety of contexts at the appropriate undergraduate level.
• Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, political, and historical dimensions of our world at the appropriate undergraduate level.
• Demonstrate a heightened awareness of our physical, chemical, and biological environment at the appropriate undergraduate level.
• Demonstrate an increased responsibility for self-directed learning and personal wellness.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT
UW Placement:
• Algebra 300+
• Intermediate Algebra 365+
• English Composition 335+

Tailwind Placement Exams:
• Intermediate Algebra 40-41
• English Composition Reading Comp & Writing Mechanics 70-99

NOTES:

STUDENT HANDBOOK
Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State’s student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State’s Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT
The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State students and must be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits. (Not counted in the total credit value for this program.)

GPS for Student Success
10890102 ............................................................... 1 credit
Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes. This course must be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and as a graduation requirement.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED
The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum admission requirements.

Intro to College Reading
10838104 ............................................................. 2 credits
Provides learners with the opportunities to develop and expand reading skills, including comprehension and vocabulary skills. Learners apply reading skills to academic tasks and read to acquire information from a variety of sources.

Intro to College Writing
10831103 .............................................................. 3 credits
Introduces basic principles of composition, including organization, development, unity, and coherence in paragraphs and multi-paragraph documents. The purpose of this course is to prepare students for successful entry into required program courses. This course is tuition bearing and under certain circumstances may qualify for financial aid. This course cannot be used to satisfy program completion requirements at Mid-State.

Pre-Algebra
10834109 ............................................................. 3 credits
Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.
PROGRAM CURRICULUM

English (6 credits):
- 10801136 English Composition I
- 20801223 English Composition II

Speech (3 credits):
- 10801198 Speech

Humanities (6 credits):
Must include courses in at least two disciplines: art, history, journalism/writing, literature, music, philosophy, theatre/film, world language.

Mid-State Options:
- 10809122 Intro to American Government
- 10809166 Introduction to Ethics: Theory & Application

See also Nicolet Humanities courses for additional options.

Social Science (6 credits):
Must include courses in at least two disciplines: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, sociology.

Mid-State Options:
- 10809103 Think Critically & Creatively
- 10809122 Intro to American Government
- 10809172 Introduction to Diversity Studies
- 10809188 Developmental Psychology
- 10809195 Economics
- 10809196 Intro to Sociology
- 10809198 Intro to Psychology

See also Nicolet Humanities courses for additional options.

Mathematics & Natural Science (20 credits):
Must include mathematics at the level of Intermediate algebra, statistics, quantitative reasoning, elementary math education or higher and seven credits of natural science (one lab course required) chosen from biology, chemistry, geography (selected courses), geology, and physics.

Mid-State Options:
- 10804118 Intermediate Algebra with Applications
- 10804189 Introductory Statistics
- 10806134 General Chemistry
- 10806154 General Physics 1
- 10806177 General Anatomy & Physiology
- 10806179 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
- 10806197 Microbiology

See also Nicolet Humanities courses for additional options.

World Language (4 credits):
May be met with one year high school, with a grade of “C” or better, or one semester in college.

Health/Wellness/Physical Education (1 credit)

Diversity and Ethnic Studies
Courses that meet this requirement may also count toward Humanities or Social Science. These credits are not in addition to the 60 credits required for the degree.
- 10809172 Introduction to Diversity Studies
- 10809196 Intro to Sociology

Electives (14-18 credits):
Select any college transfer courses beyond the minimum requirements. One credit of health and PE beyond the Health/Wellness/PE credit may be selected.

May be 16 credits if students satisfy the world language requirement with one year of high school (“C” or better).

NOTES:
ALL COURSES FOR LIBERAL ARTS

Mid-State Technical College Courses:

Communication
- 10801136 English Composition 1
- 10801198 Speech

Mathematics & Natural Science
- 10804118 Intermediate Algebra with Applications
- 10804198 Introductory Statistics
- 10804195 College Algebra with Applications
- 10804196 Trigonometry with Applications
- 10806134 General Chemistry
- 10806154 General Physics 1
- 10806177 General Anatomy & Physiology
- 10806179 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
- 10806197 Microbiology

Social Science
- 10809103 Think Critically & Creatively
- 10809122 Intro to American Government**
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For more information, visit mstc.edu/programs/liberal-arts-arts

Nicolet College Courses:

English and Literature
- 20810201 Fundamentals of Speech
- 20801219 English Composition I
- 20801223 English Composition II
- 20801227 Creative Writing
- 20801233 Children’s Literature

Mathematics and Natural Science
- 20804227 Elementary Math Education I
- 20804237 Elementary Math Education II
- 20804230 Statistics
- 20806211 Intro to Soil and Water Resources
- 20806212 Geographic Information Systems
- 20806215 Environmental Science
- 20806240 Survey of Chemistry

Humanities
- 20803215 History of American People to 1877
- 20803219 History of American People from 1877
- 20809217 Intro to Philosophy
- 20809225 Ethics
- 20801243 American Literature Colonial to 1865
- 20801255 Intro to Literature
- 20803258 World History to 1500*
- 20803259 World History since 1500*
- 20815201 Art Appreciation
- 20805201 Music Appreciation
- 20805280 Music in Film

Social Science
- 20809251 Introduction to Psychology
- 20809252 Developmental Psychology
- 20809254 Educational Psychology
- 20809271 Introductory Sociology*
- 20809275 Marriage and Family
- 20809287 Principles of Macroeconomics
- 20809291 Principles of Microeconomics

Health/Wellness/PE
- 20807201 Fitness for Life

World Language
- 20802217 Spanish I*

For more information, visit nicoletcollege.edu/classes-programs/university-transfer/associate-arts

*Course meets the Diversity and Ethnic Studies requirement
**Course meets the Humanities requirement
***Course meets the Social Science requirement

Please Note:
- Student schedules and program completion time may vary depending on course availability.
- Exact courses taken will vary significantly based on students’ interests and transfer intentions.
- Courses beginning with “10” are offered by Mid-State. Courses beginning with “20” are offered by Nicolet. All courses can be taken on the Wisconsin Rapids or Stevens Point campuses of Mid-State Technical College or online.
- A maximum of 30 credits from aid code 10 eligible courses may be applied to the degree requirements. When two aid code 10 and aid code 20 courses are deemed to be of similar content, both cannot be applied to fulfill degree requirements. Consult your advisor before using an aid code 10 course.
- Graduation requirement of a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Electives are selected from courses not used to fulfill other requirements.