

The Associate in Arts Degree


Purpose Statement: The Metropolitan Community College Associate in Arts degree provides a well-rounded educational foundation that prepares students as citizens in a democratic society, aids in their selection of an appropriate major/career path, and provides a path to complete a baccalaureate degree. *Note: Credits listed under MOTR and MCC indicate the minimum number of credits needed to fulfill the respective requirement.*


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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS				
NOTE: The Diversity Courses with MOTR numbers may count toward the General Education Credit Hour Requirements.				
Civics Examination				STATUS
Missouri Law (SB807) requires all public colleges and universities to administer a civics exam to students as a requirement for graduation. Students must score at least 70% on the exam before they can receive a degree.		MET / NOT MET		
Diversity Course	3			
Required Diversity Course: Courses marked with a globe (🌐) are diversity courses. Choose one of the indicated courses to fulfill the Diversity requirement. Additional MCC courses carrying the Diversity designator can be found here: Diversity Courses .		MET / NOT MET		
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (42)	Course Credits	MOTR	MCC	Prerequisites
Oral Communications: 3 credit hours		3	3	
COMM 100 Fundamentals of Speech	3	MOTR COMM 100		ENGL 90 or placement score
COMM 102 Fundamentals of Human Communication	3	MOTR COMM 110		ENGL 90 or placement score
Written Communications: 6 credit hours		6	6	
ENGL 101 Composition and Reading I	3	MOTR ENGL 100		ENGL 90 or placement score
ENGL 102 Composition and Reading II	3	MOTR ENGL 200		ENGL 101
Mathematical Sciences: 3 credit hours minimum		3	3	
MATH 115 Statistics	3	MOTR MATH 110		MATH 85 or 95 or placement score
MATH 119 Mathematical Reasoning and Modeling	3	MOTR MATH 120		MATH 85 or 95 or placement score
MATH 120 College Algebra	3	MOTR MATH 130		MATH 95 or placement score
MATH 150 Pre-Calculus	5	MOTR MATH 150		MATH 95 or placement score
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Minimum 9 credit hours, including 1 Civics/American Institutions course denoted with an (*)		9	9	All prerequisites must have an S or C grade or higher
ANTH 100 General Anthropology	3	MOTR ANTH 101		
ANTH 110 Cultural Anthropology (🌐)	3	MOTR ANTH 201		
COMM 112 Introduction to Mass Communication	3	MOTR SBSC 100		
COMM 233 Intercultural Communication (🌐)	3	MOTR SBSC 101		
CRJU 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	MOTR CRJS 101		
ECON 110 Introduction to Economics	3	MOTR ECON 100		
ECON 210 Macroeconomics	3	MOTR ECON 101		MATH 85 or placement score
ECON 211 Microeconomics	3	MOTR ECON 102		MATH 85 or placement score
GEOG 105 World Geography (🌐)	3	MOTR GEOG 101		
GEOG 113 Cultural/Human Geography (🌐)	3	MOTR GEOG 101		
HIST 120 United States History to 1865*	3	MOTR HIST 101		
HIST 121 United States History since 1865*	3	MOTR HIST 102		
POLS 136 Introduction to U.S. National Politics*	3	MOTR POSC 101		
POLS 234 Introduction to International Politics (🌐)	3	MOTR POSC 201		
PSYC 140 General Psychology	3	MOTR PSYC 100		
PSYC 243 Human Lifespan Development	4	MOTR PSYC 200		PSYC 140
SOCI 160 Introduction to Sociology	3	MOTR SOCI 101		
SOCI 161 Urban Sociology	3	MOTR URBN 202		
SOCI 163 Contemporary Social Issues	3	MOTR SOCI 201		
Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours minimum; 2 courses from 2 different disciplines, including at least 1 course with a lab		7	7	All prerequisites must have an S or C grade or higher
<i>Lab Courses:</i>				
BIOL 101 General Biology	5	MOTR BIOL 100L		
BIOL 102 Environmental Science	5	MOTR BIOL 100LEV		
BIOL 104 General Botany	5	MOTR BIOL 100LB		
BIOL 106 General Zoology	5	MOTR BIOL 100LZ		
BIOL 110 Human Anatomy	5	MOTR LIFS 100LA		
BIOL 123 General Biology for Majors I	4	MOTR BIOL 150L		
BIOL 210 Human Physiology	5	MOTR BIOL 150LP		BIOL 110 and CHEM 105
CHEM 101 Survey of Chemistry	5	MOTR CHEM 100L		
CHEM 105 Introductory Chemistry for Health Science	5	MOTR CHEM 100LHP		

CHEM 107	Preparatory General Chemistry	5	MOTR CHEM 100L		MATH 95 or placement score or 1 unit high school algebra
CHEM 111	General College Chemistry I	5	MOTR CHEM 150L		MATH 120 and CHEM 107 or high school chemistry
GEOG 104	Principles of Physical Geography	5	MOTR GEOG 100L		
GEOG 110	Meteorology	4	MOTR PHYS 110LAS		
GEOL 101	Physical Geology	5	MOTR GEOL 100L		
GEOL 103	Environmental Geology	5	MOTR GEOL 100L		
GEOL 110	Oceanography	4	MOTR PHYS 110LO		
GEOL 180	Energy and the Environment	5	MOTR PHYS 110LEV		
PHYS 101L	Introductory Physics with Lab	5	MOTR PHYS 100L		MATH 31 or placement score
PHYS 104L	Foundations of Physical Science with Lab	5	MOTR PHYS 110L		MATH 31 or placement score
PHYS 106L	General Astronomy with Lab	5	MOTR ASTR 100L		MATH 31 or placement score
PHYS 130	General Physics I	5	MOTR PHYS 150L		MATH 130
PHYS 220	Engineering Physics I	5	MOTR PHYS 200L		MATH 180, co-requisite MATH 190
<i>Non-Lab Courses:</i>					
BIOL 132	Human Nutrition	3	MOTR LIFS 100N		
PHYS 101	Introductory Physics	4	MOTR PHYS 100		MATH 31 or placement score
PHYS 104	Foundations of Physical Science	4	MOTR PHYS 110		MATH 31 or placement score
PHYS 106	General Astronomy	4	MOTR ASTR 100		MATH 31 or placement score
Humanities and Fine Arts (12 hours required): 3 credits must be Literature or Philosophy and 3 credits must be from HIST 133 or 134. NOTE: Only 3 credit hours for a performance (PERF) class count toward the requirement.			9	12	All prerequisites must have an S or C grade or higher
ARAB 101	Elementary Modern Arabic I	5	MOTR LANG 105		
ARAB 102	Elementary Modern Arabic II	5	MOTR LANG 106		ARAB 101
ART 110	Drawing I 🎨	3	MOTR PERF 105D		
ART 108	Survey of Art 🌐	3	MOTR ARTS 100		
ART 150	History of Art I	3	MOTR ARTS 101		
ART 151	History of Art II	3	MOTR ARTS 102		
CHIN 101	Elementary Chinese I	5	MOTR LANG 105		
CHIN 102	Elementary Chinese II	5	MOTR LANG 106		CHIN 101
COMM 128	Introduction to Film	3	MOTR FILM 100		
ENGL 201	Creative Writing 📖	3	MOTR PERF 106		
ENGL 209	Creative Writing – Screen Writing 📖	3	MOTR PERF 106D		
ENGL 214	Introduction to Fiction	3	MOTR LITR 100F		
ENGL 216	Introduction to Drama and Poetry	3	MOTR LITR 100D		
ENGL 218	Introduction to Literature	3	MOTR LITR 100		
ENGL 220	British Literature to 1750 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 102A		
ENGL 221	British Literature 1750 – Present	3	MOTR LITR 102B		
ENGL 222	American Literature to 1860	3	MOTR LITR 101A		
ENGL 223	American Literature 1860 - Present	3	MOTR LITR 101B		
ENGL 240	Mythology	3	MOTR LITR 201		
ENGL 254	World Literature I 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 200A		
ENGL 255	World Literature II 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 200M		
ENGL 260	African American Literature 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 105AA		
ENGL 262	Women's Lives and Autobiography 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 106		
ENGL 264	U.S. Latino and Latina Literature 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 105L		
ENGL 267	North American Indian Literature 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 105NA		
ENGL 268	Women's Literature 🌐	3	MOTR LITR 106L		
FREN 101	Elementary French I	5	MOTR LANG 101		
FREN 102	Elementary French II	5	MOTR LANG 102		FREN 101
HIST 133	Foundations of Western Civilization	3	MOTR WCIV 101		
HIST 134	Modern Western Civilization	3	MOTR WCIV 102		
GERM 101	Elementary German I	5	MOTR LANG 105		
GERM 102	Elementary German II	5	MOTR LANG 106		GERM 101
MUSI 101	Choir 🎵	1	MOTR PERF 102C		
MUSI 103	Concert Band I 🎵	1	MOTR PERF 102B		
MUSI 105	Orchestra I 🎵	1	MOTR PERF 102O		
MUSI 107	Fundamentals of Music	3	MOTR MUSC 101		
MUSI 108	Music Appreciation	3	MOTR MUSC 100		
MUSI 116	Evolution of Jazz 🌐	3	MOTR MUSC 100		
MUSI 134	Jazz Band I 🎵	1	MOTR PERF 102B		
MUSI 160	Music of the World's Cultures 🌐	3	MOTR MUSC 102		
PHIL 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3	MOTR PHIL 100		
PHIL 101	Philosophy of Religion	3	MOTR RELG 100		
PHIL 148	Critical Thinking	3	MOTR PHIL 101		

PHIL 200	Logic	3	MOTR PHIL 101		
PHIL 203	Ethics	3	MOTR PHIL 102		
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I	5	MOTR LANG 103		
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II	5	MOTR LANG 104		SPAN 101 or 111 or placement score
THEA 106	Theater Appreciation	3	MOTR THEA 100A		ENGL 90 or placement score
THEA 116	Children's Theater	3	MOTR THEA 100B		
THEA 120	Acting I 	3	MOTR PERF 100		
Minimum MOTR Required Courses			37	40	
Additional MOTR Electives			5	2	
If needed, students may select any additional course(s) listed above or taken from the list of MOTR courses to complete the 42 credits required for General Education.					
Total General Education Credit hours			42	42	
AA DEGREE ELECTIVES					
Additional Electives for the degree: A student may take any 100 level or higher MCC course(s) to satisfy the elective requirements for the AA degree.			18	18	
MINIMUM CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED for the MCC ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE			60	60	

 Represents MCC courses that meet MCC's Diversity Requirement

 Represents MCC courses that are a Performance Course