



# Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

## **Associate in Arts (A.A.) - Liberal Arts, Exploratory Emphasis Advising Guide – Full-Time Advising Guide**

MCC's Associate in Arts degree provides a well-rounded education foundation that prepares students to select appropriate majors/career paths, helps them transfer and successfully enter baccalaureate degrees. This program allows student flexibility to explore and/or change career paths while completing a broad, interdisciplinary experience that focuses on critical thinking, information and quantitative literacy, communication, and cultural and social awareness.

*The Exploratory Pathway offers many “elective” choices. Electives are courses that count toward the credits for graduation but are not requirements for a particular degree of study. Any courses offered at MCC that do not have any other conditions — such as significant course prerequisites — may be taken as an elective.*

	<b>Course</b>	<b>Degree Requirements Met</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSIS 115 Computer Concepts and Applications	Elective	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan</li> <li>▪ Apply to program</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	COLL 100 First-Year Seminar GUID 108 Academic Success OR GUID 109 Career Exploration Seminar <b>Choose one</b>	Elective	1-3*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 101 Composition & Reading I	Written Communication	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH 115 Statistics or higher <b>Choose one</b>	Mathematical Science	3-5*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST 133 Foundations of Western Civilization or HIST 134 Modern Western Civilization <b>Choose one</b>	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>			<b>13-17</b>	
<b>▪ Semester 2</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 102 Composition & Reading II	Written Communication	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST 120 United States History to 1865 HIST 121 United States History since 1865 OR POLS 136 Introduction to U.S. National Politics <b>Choose one</b>	Social & Behavioral Science/Civics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Social and Behavioral Sciences, CORE 42</a> <b>Choose one</b>	Behavioral Sciences	3-4*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTIVE <b>Choose any course 100 level or higher if</b>	Elective	3-5*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	LIBR 100 Introduction to Library & Online Research	Elective	1-3*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GUID 108 Academic Success GUID 109 Career Exploration Seminar GUID 112 Effective Study Skills GUID 152 Employment Strategies	Elective	1-3*	



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	GUID 199 Special Topics in Guided Studies OR BUSN 190 Personal Finance <b>Choose one</b>			
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>			<b>14-19</b>	
<b>▪ Semester 3</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Natural Science Course without Lab</a> <b>Choose one</b>	Natural Sciences without lab	3-5*	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Humanities &amp; Fine Arts Course, CORE 42 Approved</a> <b>Choose one</b>	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTIVE COURSE <b>Choose any course 100 level or higher if total credits are less than 60</b>	Elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 100 Fundamentals of Speech or COMM 102 Fundamentals of Human Communication <b>Choose one</b>	Communications	3	
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>			<b>12-14</b>	
<b>Semester 4</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Natural Science Course without Lab</a> <b>Choose one</b>	Natural Sciences with lab	3-5*	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Complete <a href="#">Civics Exam</a> with 70% or higher
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences, Core 42</a> Choose one	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Humanities &amp; Fine Arts Course, CORE 42 Approved</a> <b>Choose one</b>	Humanities & Fine Arts	3-5*	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTIVE <b>Choose any course 100 level or higher if</b>	Elective	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTIVE <b>Choose any course 100 level or higher if</b>	Elective	1-3*	
<b>Total Semester Credits</b>			<b>13-19</b>	
<b>Credits Required for A.A.</b>			<b>61*</b>	
*The A.A. in Exploratory requires a minimum of 61*total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.				

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students and identifies the course recommendations for timely degree completion. All pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: [Associate in Arts](#)

Please note:

- Courses may require a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see the [Academic Catalog](#) for additional information.
- Natural Science courses must be chosen from two different disciplines, including at least one course with a lab.
- Only 3 credits for performance classes can be used for Humanities & Fine Arts