



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate **in** Arts (A.A.)

Liberal Arts, Exploratory Emphasis – 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.

Semester 1		
Course	Credits	Action Steps
CSIS 115 (Elective)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with Academic Advisor to build degree plan in Starfish
COLL 100, GUID 108, or GUID 109 (Elective)	1-3*	
^ENGL 101 (Written Communication)	3	
^MATH 115 or higher (Mathematical Science)	3 – 5*	
HIST 133 or HIST 134 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3	
Total Credits	13 - 17	
Semester 2		
^ENGL 102 (Written Communication)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Civics exam with 70% or higher • Research/contact transfer institutions • May want to consider introductory level courses into Career and Technical Education or other programs for an elective
HIST 120, HIST 121, or POLS 136 (Social & Behavioral Science/Civics)	3	
ANTH 100, ANTH 110, COMM 112, COMM 233, CRJU 101, ECON 110, ^ECON 210, ^ECON 211, GEOG 105, GEOG 113, HIST 120, HIST 121, POLS 136, POLS 234, PSYC 140, ^PSYC 243, SOCI 160, SOCI 161, or SOCI 163 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)	3 – 4*	
Any elective 100 level or higher	3-5*	
LIBR 100 (Elective)	1-3*	
GUID 108, GUID 109, GUID 112, GUID 152, GUID 199 or BUSN 190 (Elective)	1 – 3*	
Total Credits	14 - 19	



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Semester 3		
BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 104, BIOL 106, BIOL 110, ^BIOL 210, CHEM 101, CHEM 105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, GEOL 110, GEOL 180, ^PHYS 101L, ^PHYS 104L, ^PHYS 106L, ^PHYS 130, or ^PHYS 220 (^Natural Sciences with lab) or BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (^Natural Sciences without lab)	3 – 5*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for admission at transfer institution • Apply for scholarships at transfer institution
ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, or PHIL 203 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3	
(Elective/Global Diversity)	3	
COMM 100 or COMM 102 (Communications)	3	
Total Credits	12 - 14	
Semester 4		
BIOL 132, PHYS 101, PHYS 104, or PHYS 106 (Natural Sciences without lab) OR BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 104, BIOL 106, BIOL 110, ^BIOL 210, CHEM 101, CHEM 105, ^CHEM 107, ^CHEM 111, GEOG 104, GEOG 110, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, GEOL 110, GEOL 180, ^PHYS 101L, ^PHYS 104L, ^PHYS 106L, ^PHYS 130, or ^PHYS 220 (^Natural Sciences with lab).	3 – 5*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for Graduation
(ANTH 100, ANTH 110, COMM 112, COMM 233, CRJU 101, ECON 110, ^ECON 210, ^ECON 211, GEOG 105, GEOG 113, HIST 120, HIST 121, POLS 136, POLS 234, PSYC 140, ^PSYC 243, SOCI 160, SOCI 161, or SOCI 163 (Social & Behavioral Sciences)	3	
ARAB 101, ^ARAB 102, ART 110, ART 108, ART 150, ART 151, CHIN 101, ^CHIN 102, ^COMM 128, ^ENGL 201, ^ENGL 209, ENGL 214, ENGL 216, ENGL 218, ENGL 220, ENGL 221, ENGL 222, ENGL 223, ENGL 240, ENGL 254, ENGL 255, ENGL 260, ENGL 262, ENGL 264, ENGL 267, ENGL 268, FREN 101, ^FREN 102, HIST 133, HIST 134, GERM 101, ^GERM 102, MUSI 101, MUSI 103, MUSI 105, MUSI 107, MUSI 108, MUSI 116, MUSI 134, MUSI 160, PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 148, PHIL 200, PHIL 203, ^SPAN 102, ^THEA 106, THEA 116 or THEA 120 (Humanities & Fine Arts)	3 – 5*	
Any elective 100 level or higher	3	
Elective (only needed if total units less than 60)	1-3*	
Total Credits	13-19	
Total Credits	60*	
*The A.A. degree requires a minimum of 60 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 on this A.A. degree and identifies the course taking recommendation for timely degree completion. Please be aware that all pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here:

<https://www.mcckc.edu/programs/aa/>. All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives.

^Course requires a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see catalog for additional information.

^^Two natural sciences courses are required for this degree and must be from two different disciplines. Example: a biology and a chemistry class.