

# Associate in Arts Degree and Associate in Science Degree

The associate in arts degree and associate in science degree are designed for students who plan to transfer to senior institutions and are conferred by the College as official recognition for successful completion of a prescribed program of study in an appropriate university-parallel track.

## Requirements / Credit Hours

### **AREA I: Written Composition / 6**

- ENG 101-102 English Composition I-II / 6

### **AREA II: Humanities and Fine Arts / 12**

- SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communication **OR**  
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking / 3
- Literature / 3
- Fine Arts / 3
- Humanities or Fine Arts / 3

### **AREA III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics / 11**

- MTH 110 Finite Math, or higher level course for AA degree **OR**  
MTH 112 Precalculus Algebra, or higher level course for AS degree / 3
- Natural Sciences, which include laboratory experiences / 8

### **AREA IV: History, Social and Behavioral Sciences / 12**

- History / 3
- History, Social and Behavioral Sciences / 9

### **Minimum General Education Requirements: 41**

### **AREA V: Pre-Professional, Pre-Major, and Elective Courses / 19-23**

- CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications / 3
- ORI 101 Orientation to College **OR**  
ORI 105 Orientation and Student Success / 1-3

### **Maximum Program Semester Credit Hours: 64**

In addition to the general education requirements described above, students must complete the appropriate university-parallel program. Students should check with their transfer institutions to assure applicability of courses toward their planned majors. Respective programs of study for baccalaureate degrees at Alabama public universities range from 120 to 128 semester credit hours in length. Dependent on the total hours allocated for bachelor's degrees, institutions in the Alabama Community College System will only be authorized to provide 50% of that total (60-64).

## NOTES

- English courses: Entrance is determined by ASSET®/ACCUPLACER® placement exam score. A score of 5 or above on ACCUPLACER® is required for entrance into ENG 101.
- Literature, Fine Arts, and History courses: Must complete 3 semester hours in Literature, Fine Arts, and History.
- Literature and History courses: Must complete a 6-semester-hour sequence either in Literature or in History.
- History, Social and Behavioral Sciences courses: At least 6 semester hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- CIS 146: Students who fail to demonstrate adequate competency in Computer Science by passing a computer competency exam must take CIS 146.
- MTH 110 and MTH 112: Entrance is determined by ACT® score or by ASSET® or ACCUPLACER® placement exam scores in numerical skills and algebra.
- ORI courses: ORI 101 or ORI 105 or transfer credit for an orientation to college course is required for all students.