

# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN CLASS ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Welcome! The Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education offers a general associate-level degree to students. This two-year degree encompasses general education courses, a concentration of the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, and elective hours.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree allows students to: a) increase their earning potential or increase their level of responsibility within a current position; b) complete YSU's Ohio transfer module (OTM) which ensures coursework will transfer to another state institution within Ohio; c) serve as a short-term goal on their way to a baccalaureate level degree; and d) earn a degree using courses already completed.

**To inquire about earning the Associate of Arts degree, please contact an advisor in the Division of Academic Advising in the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education.**

## Contact Information

Division of Academic Advising

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Associate of Arts (AA) Requirements:

All courses completed for the Associate of Arts general education model must be Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) approved.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
<b>FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENT -STUDENT SUCCESS</b>		
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1-2
or SS 1500	Strong Start Success Seminar	
or HONR 1500	Intro to Honors	
<b>General Education</b>		
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Any General Education math course		3-6
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
<b>Knowledge Domains: (all General Education courses must be OTM approved courses - please consult an academic advisor regarding GER coursees)</b>		
2 Natural Sciences courses + Lab (one must include a lab)		7
2 Humanities Courses		6
2 Social Science Courses		6
GER Elective (any one additional course from the above knowledge domains)		3
<b>Concentration Area: Students choose one of three concentration areas (see list below)</b>		<b>21</b>
Courses in the concentration must have grades of "C" or better		

**Elective(s): Students must complete electives to total at least 60sh for themin. AA degree** 1

**Total Semester Hours:** 60-63

The last 20 semester hours and at least 16 s.h. of the concentration area must be completed at Youngstown State University.

## Concentration Areas:

Students choose one concentration area below.

### Humanities

Applicable courses include:

- literature courses in English or Foreign Language departments
- courses in philosophy and religious studies
- survey and/or appreciation courses in the Department of Art, the Department of Communication, the Department of Theatre and Dance, or the Dana School of Music
- AFST 2601 Introduction to Africana Studies 2

### Social Studies

Courses must be selected from the following disciplines:

- Africana Studies (AFST 2600 Introduction to Africana Studies 1 only)
- anthropology
- economics
- human and regional geography
- history
- political science
- psychology
- sociology

### Natural Sciences

Courses must be selected from the following disciplines:

- astronomy
- biology
- chemistry
- environmental science
- geology
- physics
- physical geography
- A&S/STEM 2600 (no longer offered)

### Year 1

Fall		S.H.
YSU 1500	Success Seminar	1
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
Any General Education Math course		3-6
Natural Science GER + Lab	OTM approved	4
Arts & Humanities GER	OTM approved	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>14-17</b>
Spring		
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
Social Science GER	OTM approved	3
Natural Science GER	OTM approved	3
Arts & Humanities GER	OTM approved	3
Concentration Course		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Year 2****Fall**

CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
Social Science GER	<sup>OTM approved</sup>	3
Concentration Course		3
Concentration Course		3
Concentration Course		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring**

Concentration Course		3
Concentration Course		3
Concentration Course		3
GER Elective		3
GER Elective		3
Elective hours	additional hours may be needed to total 60sh	1
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>60-63</b>

## Learning Outcomes

All students will:

- (1) Demonstrate effective written communication.
- (2) Develop skills to enter the work force or build upon a liberal arts foundation to succeed in upper division coursework if pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

Social Studies concentrations:

- (3) Students will demonstrate an understanding of relationships of individuals and groups in their geographical, historical, global, societal, or cultural contexts.

Humanities concentrations:

- (4) Students will demonstrate an understanding of artistic expression in multiple forms and contexts. (GER Learning Outcome 8)
- (5) Students will demonstrate an understanding of the humanistic perspective including philosophy, ethics, critical thinking, religious inquiry, and diversity.

Natural Science concentrations:

- (6) Students will demonstrate an understanding of the natural environment and the processes that shape it. (GER Learning Outcome 13)