



AA—Associate in Arts Degree—60 credits

Associate in Arts Degree

Program Description

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The Associate in Arts degree (AA) is intended primarily for students who plan to transfer to another college to complete a bachelor’s degree. It can generally be considered the first two years of a four-year degree program. The AA degree is a general liberal arts degree and no specific major is listed in conjunction with the degree. However, many students choose to concentrate in a particular field of study as preparation for a planned major at a four-year college or university. At least 40 of the 60 credits must be taken within the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) outlined in the following pages. Any student who anticipates transferring to a four-year school should plan an appropriate program (both general education and major requirements) with one of the counselors prior to, and during, enrollment at Century College.

An agreement with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) provides that Century College’s Associate in Arts Degree or MnTC will satisfy all of the lower-division general education requirements of any of the state universities.

Individual MnTC courses will transfer into the same goal at any MnSCU college or university. If the entire goal is completed at one MnSCU institution, that goal will be considered complete at any other MnSCU institution. Documentation of the goal completion, as in a DARS (Degree Audit Reporting System) report from the sending college, is required.

An agreement with the University of Minnesota provides that an Associate in Arts Degree or MnTC will satisfy the Liberal Education requirements with the exception of the Technology and Society requirement.

Century also has agreements with private and out-of-state schools including Augsburg College, College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University-St. Paul, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin-Stout, University of North Dakota, and North Dakota State University that facilitate transfer of the AA degree and MnTC. These agreements do not guarantee the transfer of every course.

Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)	40
Electives, MnTC, 2nd Language and/or pre-major	18
Physical Education/Health	2
Total Associate in Arts Degree Credits	60

Goal 1 – Communication 10

Minimum of 10 credits including English 1021, ENGL 1022 and at least one 3-credit Communication course from COMM 1021, 1031, 1041 or 1051.

English			
ENGL	1021	Composition I (grade of C or better required)	4
ENGL	1022	Composition II	3

Communication – choose **ONE** from the following:

COMM	1021*	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (9)	3
COMM	1031*	Interpersonal Communication (7)	3
COMM	1041*	Small Group Communication (9)	3
COMM	1051*	Intercultural Communication (8)	3

Communication Electives

COMM	1053*	Communication, Travel, and Tourism (8)	1
COMM	2011*	Interviewing (9)	3
COMM	2033*	Nonverbal Communication (7)	3
COMM	2071*	Communication and Gender (7)	3
COMM	2081*	Health Communication (7)	3

Goal 2 – Critical Thinking

Fulfilled automatically when all other MnTC goals are complete.

Goal 3 – Natural Sciences 7

Minimum of 7 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines (categories), with at least one traditional lab course (+ indicates traditional lab).

Anthropology

ANTH	1022*	Introduction to Physical Anthropology: Human Origins (10) (Goal 3-Effective Fall '08)	3
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Biology

BIOL	1020	Biology Concepts +	4
BIOL	1021	Biology of Women	3
BIOL	1023	Introduction to Forensic Biology +	4
BIOL	1024	Human Biology	3
BIOL	1025*	Field Biology + (10-Effective Fall '08)	4
BIOL	1026*	Plants and Society + (10-Effective Fall '08)	4
BIOL	1027*	Climate Change Biology (10)	3
BIOL	1028*	Ecology + (10)	4
BIOL	1029	Microbes and Society: An Introduction to Microbiology +	4
BIOL	1033	Introduction to Human Genetics	3
BIOL	1041	Principles of Biology I +	5
BIOL	1042	Principles of Biology II +	5
BIOL	2031	Human Anatomy & Physiology I +	4
BIOL	2032	Human Anatomy & Physiology II +	4
BIOL	2035	Microbiology +	3

Chemistry

CHEM	1020	Chemistry Concepts +	4
CHEM	1041	Principles of Chemistry I +	5
CHEM	1042	Principles of Chemistry II +	5

Earth Science

ESCI	1020*	Earth Science + (10)	4
ESCI	1025*	Interdisciplinary Physical & Environmental Science (10)	3
ESCI	1030*	Physical Geology + (10)	4
ESCI	1040*	Energy Concepts (10)	3
ESCI	1045*	Energy Concepts Lab + (10)	1
ESCI	1050*	Introduction to Meteorology (10)	3
ESCI	1055*	Meteorology Lab + (10)	1
ESCI	1060*	Introduction to Oceanography (10)	3
ESCI	1080*	Natural Disasters (10)	3

Courses marked with an asterisk* in goals 1-6 will also fulfill requirements in goals 7-10, goal number listed in parenthesis () after course title.

English (Literature)

ENGL	2011	American Literature: Colonial to Civil War	3
ENGL	2012*	American Literature: Civil War to Present (7)	3
ENGL	2013*	African American Literature (7)	3
ENGL	2014	Minnesota Writers	3
ENGL	2015*	American Indian Literature (7)	3
ENGL	2018*	Introduction to Folklore (7)	3
ENGL	2031*	British Literature: Medieval to Romantic (8)	3
ENGL	2032*	British Literature: Romantic to Present (8)	3
ENGL	2035*	Shakespeare (8-Effective Fall '07)	3
ENGL	2043	Literature and Film	3
ENGL	2051*	Modern World Literature (8)	3
ENGL	2052*	Contemporary World Literature (8)	3
ENGL	2055*	Mythology (8-Effective Fall '07)	3
ENGL	2057*	An Introduction to African Literature (8)	3
ENGL	2058*	Middle Eastern Literature (8)	3
ENGL	2061*	Women in Literature: British and Colonial (8)	3
ENGL	2062*	Women in Literature: American (9)	3
ENGL	2063*	Women in Literature: World Voices (8)	3
ENGL	2071	Children's Literature	3
ENGL	2072	Graphic Narratives: Comics as Literature	3
ENGL	2073	Short Novel	3
ENGL	2075	Science Fiction and Fantasy	3
ENGL	2077	Mystery	3
ENGL	2083*	Latin American Literature (8)	3
ENGL	2085	Bible as Literature	3
ENGL	2095*	Ethics and Environments: The Literature of Place (10)	3

English (Non-literature, Goal 6 elective)

ENGL	2023	Creative Writing: Poetry and Fiction	3
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Humanities

HUM	1021*	Introduction to the Humanities: Europe & the United States (8)	4
HUM	1025*	Intro to the Humanities: A World View (8)	4
HUM	1030*	Culture and Civilization of Spanish Speaking Peoples (8)	3
HUM	1035*	Culture and Civilization of French Speaking Peoples (8)	3
HUM	1040*	Culture and Civilization of Chinese Speaking Peoples (8)	3
HUM	1041*	The Art of Film (8-Effective Fall '08)	3
HUM	1043*	International Film (8)	3
HUM	1045*	American Film (7)	3
HUM	1051*	African American Cultural Perspectives (7)	3
HUM	2061*	Women in the Arts (7)	3

Music

MUSC	1035	Enjoyment of Classical Music	3
MUSC	1045*	Popular Music in American Society (7)	3
MUSC	2051*	World Music (8)	3

Philosophy

PHIL	1021	Introduction to Western Philosophy	3
PHIL	1025*	Introduction to Eastern Philosophy (8)	3
PHIL	1031*	Ethics (9)	3
PHIL	1035*	Biomedical Ethics (9)	3
PHIL	1051*	World Religions (8)	3

Theatre

THTR	1020*	Introduction to Theatre (8-Effective Spring '04)	3
THTR	1031	Beginning Acting	3
THTR	1033	Acting for the Camera	3
THTR	1041	Theatre Production and Design	4
THTR	1081*	World of Drama (7)	3

Goals 7, 8, 9, 10 – Theme Goals

Three credits in each of the four Goals 7 – 10. **NOTE:** May be fulfilled by courses from Goals 1 – 6, since many of those courses (denoted with an asterisk) also meet Goals 7 – 10. OR can be fulfilled with additional courses listed separately under Goals 7 – 10; credits count only once; one course may fulfill a maximum of 2 goals.

Goal 7 – Human Diversity**3**

Minimum of 3 credits (from any of the following courses)

Anthropology

ANTH	1025	Introduction to Archeology (5)	3
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Art

ART	1023	American Art (6)	3
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Communication

COMM	1031	Interpersonal Communication (1)	3
COMM	2033	Nonverbal Communication (1)	3
COMM	2051	Minnesota's New Immigrants: Communication, Culture and Conflict (5)	3
COMM	2071	Communication and Gender (1)	3
COMM	2081	Health Communication (1)	3

English

ENGL	2012	American Literature: Civil War to Present (6)	3
ENGL	2013	African American Literature (6)	3
ENGL	2015	American Indian Literature (6)	3
ENGL	2018	Introduction to Folklore (6)	3

Geography

GEOG	1041	Minnesota Geography (5)	3
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History

HIST	1031	United States to 1877 (5)	3
HIST	1032	United States Since 1877 (5)	3
HIST	2063	Women, Health, and Medicine (5)	3
HIST	2065*	Women in America to 1890 (5)	3
HIST	2066*	Women in America since 1890 (5)	3

Humanities

HUM	1045	American Film (6)	3
HUM	1051	African American Cultural Perspectives (6)	3
HUM	2061	Women in the Arts (6)	3

Linguistics

LING	1030	Introduction to English Language Analysis (5)	3
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Music

MUSC	1045	Popular Music in American Society (6)	3
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Psychology

PSYC	2021	Abnormal Psychology (5)	3
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Sociology

SOC	1020	Introduction to Sociology (5) (Goal 7-Effective Spring '05)	3
SOC	1033	Sociology of Families in Crisis (5)	3
SOC	2031	Sociology of the Family (5)	3
SOC	2051	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (5)	3
SOC	2053	Sociology of Disability (5)	3
SOC	2061	Sociology of Gender and Work (5)	3
SOC	2071	Social Psychology (5) (Goal 7-Effective Fall '06)	3

Theatre

THTR	1081	World of Drama (6)	3
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Women and Gender Studies

WGST	1071	Introduction to GLBT Studies (5)	3
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Goal 8 – Global Perspective**3***Minimum of 3 credits (from any of the following courses)***Anthropology**

ANTH	1023	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (8-Effective Fall '09; formerly Goal 7)	3
ANTH	2031	Sex and Gender (8)	3

Art

ART	1020	Art Appreciation (6-Effective Fall '08)	3
ART	1021	Art History of the Western World I (6)	3
ART	1022	Art History of the Western World II (6)	3
ART	2021	The History and Aesthetics of Photography (6)	3

Chinese

CHIN	1011	Beginning Chinese I (Effective Fall '09)	5
CHIN	1012	Beginning Chinese II (Effective Fall '09)	5
CHIN	2021	Intermediate Chinese I	5
CHIN	2022	Intermediate Chinese II	5

Communication

COMM	1051	Intercultural Communication (1)	3
COMM	1053	Communication, Travel and Tourism (1)	1

English

ENGL	2031	British Literature: Medieval to Romantic (6)	3
ENGL	2032	British Literature: Romantic to the Present (6)	3
ENGL	2035	Shakespeare (6) (Goal 8-Effective Fall '07)	3
ENGL	2051	Modern World Literature (6)	3
ENGL	2052	Contemporary World Literature (6)	3
ENGL	2055	Mythology (6) (Goal 8-Effective Fall '07)	3
ENGL	2057	An Introduction to African Literature (6)	3
ENGL	2058	Middle Eastern Literature (6)	3
ENGL	2061	Women in Literature-British and Colonial (6)	3
ENGL	2063	Women in Literature-World Voices (6)	3
ENGL	2083	Latin American Literature (6)	3

Geography

GEOG	1023	Human Geography (5)	3
GEOG	1031	World Regional Geography (5)	3

Global Studies

GST	2010	Introduction to Global Studies (5)	3
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History

HIST	1021	Western Civilization: from Antiquity to the 18 th Century (5)	3
HIST	1022	Western Civilization: from the 18 th Century to the Present (5)	3
HIST	1051	East Asia Since 1600 (5)	3
HIST	1061	World History 1400 to Present (5)	3
HIST	2053	Southeast Asia and the Vietnam War (5)	3

Humanities

HUM	1021	Introduction to the Humanities: Europe & the United States (6)	4
HUM	1025	Intro to the Humanities: A World View (6)	4
HUM	1030	Culture and Civilization of Spanish Speaking Peoples (6)	3
HUM	1035	Culture and Civilization of French Speaking Peoples (6)	3
HUM	1040	Culture and Civilization of Chinese Speaking Peoples (6)	3
HUM	1041	The Art of Film (6) (8-Effective Fall '08)	3
HUM	1043	International Film (6)	3

Music

MUSC	2051	World Music (6)	3
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Philosophy

PHIL	1025	Introduction to Eastern Philosophy (6)	3
PHIL	1051	World Religions (6)	3

Political Science

POLS	1023	International Relations (5)	3
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Sociology

SOC	2087	Criminology and Criminal Behavior (5) (Goal 5 & 8-Effective Fall '08)	3
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Spanish

SPAN	1011	Beginning Spanish I (Effective Fall '09)	5
SPAN	1012	Beginning Spanish II (Effective Fall '09)	5
SPAN	2021	Intermediate Spanish I	5
SPAN	2022	Intermediate Spanish II	5

Theatre

THTR	1020	Introduction to Theatre (6) (Goal 8-Effective Spring '04)	3
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Women and Gender Studies

WGST	2061	Women in Global Perspectives (5)	3
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Goal 9 – Ethical and Civic Responsibility**3***Minimum of 3 credits (from any of the following courses)***Communication**

COMM	1021	Fundamental of Public Speaking (1)	3
COMM	1041	Small Group Communication (1)	3
COMM	1061	Introduction to Mass Communication (5)	3
COMM	2011	Interviewing (1)	3

English

ENGL	2025	Creative Writing: Nonfiction	3
ENGL	2062	Women in Literature-American (6)	3

History

HIST	1035	Minnesota History (5)	3
HIST	2041	Myths in American History (5)	3
HIST	2043	The United States Since 1945 (5)	3
HIST	2051	20 th Century Global Conflicts and Crises (5)	3

Philosophy

PHIL	1031	Ethics (6)	3
PHIL	1035	Biomedical Ethics (6)	3

Political Science

POLS	1020	Introduction to Political Science (5)	3
POLS	1031	American Government (5)	3
POLS	1033	State and Local Government (5)	3
POLS	1035	Constitutional Law (5)	3

Psychology

PSYC	2043	Child Development (5) (Goal 9-Effective Fall '08)	3
PSYC	2044	Adolescent Development (5) (Goal 9-Effective Fall '08)	3
PSYC	2045	Adulthood, Aging and Death (5) (Goal 9-Effective Fall '08)	3

Sociology

SOC	1041	Sociology of Social Problems (5)	3
SOC	1080	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (5)	3

Women and Gender Studies

WGST	1061	Foundations of Women & Gender Studies (5)	3
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Goal 10 – People and the Environment**3***Minimum of 3 credits (from any of the following courses)***Anthropology**

ANTH	1022	Introduction to Physical Anthropology: Human Origins (Goal 3-Effective Fall '08)	3
ANTH	2061	Anthropology of Human Nature (5)	3

Biology

BIOL	1025	Field Biology (3) (Goal 10-Effective Fall '08)	4
BIOL	1026	Plants and Society (3) (Goal 10-Effective Fall '08)	4
BIOL	1027	Climate Change Biology (3)	3
BIOL	1028	Ecology (3)	4

Earth Science

ESCI	1020	Earth Science (3)	4
ESCI	1025	Interdisciplinary Physical & Environmental Science (3)	3
ESCI	1030	Physical Geology (3)	4
ESCI	1040	Energy Concepts (3)	3
ESCI	1045	Energy Concepts Lab (3)	1
ESCI	1050	Introduction to Meteorology (3)	3
ESCI	1055	Introduction to Meteorology Lab (3)	1
ESCI	1060	Introduction to Oceanography (3)	3
ESCI	1080	Natural Disasters (3)	3

English

ENGL	2095	Ethics and Environments: The Literature of Place (6)	3
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Geography

GEOG	1021	Physical Geography (Goal 3-Effective Fall '08)	3
GEOG	1060	Investigating the Environmental Sciences Using GIS (Geographic Information Systems) (3)	3

History

HIST	2045	The American West: An Environmental History (5)	3
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Remember: If you fulfill the 10 goal areas in fewer than 40 semester credits, select courses within any of the goals to achieve a 40 credit total.

Physical Education/Health**2**

In recognition of the importance of health and wellness to a thriving society, personal well being, and work productivity, Century College requires that students take a minimum of **2 credits in Physical Education/Health with at least one activity course in Physical Education.** Select from PE 1000-1075; HLTH 1001-1075.

Health

HLTH	1001	Medical Terminology	2
HLTH	1003	Worker Right to Know: Health and Safety in the Workplace	1
HLTH	1005	Basic CPR, Red Cross	1
HLTH	1010	Standard First Aid and Safety	2
HLTH	1020	Personal and Community Health	3
HLTH	1035	Women's Health	3
HLTH	1040	Stress Management	2
HLTH	1050	Human Sexuality	3
HLTH	1055	Consumer Health	3
HLTH	1060	Drug Education	3
HLTH	1070	Nutrition	3
HLTH	1075	T'ai Chi Chih	2

Physical Education

PE	1000	Archery	1
PE	1005	Bowling	1
PE	1010	Badminton	1
PE	1015	Golf	1
PE	1016	Social Dance	1
PE	1020	Snowboarding	1
PE	1023	Downhill Skiing	1
PE	1024	Snow Shoeing	1
PE	1030	Recreational Volleyball	1
PE	1035	Recreational Softball	1
PE	1040	Rock Climbing	2
PE	1045	Soccer	1
PE	1055	Biking	1
PE	1060	Personal Fitness	2
PE	1063	Aerobic Exercise	2
PE	1064	Yoga	1
PE	1065	Step Aerobics	2
PE	1067	Fitness Walking	2
PE	1070	Fitness for Life	2
PE	1075	Weight Training	2

Recommended:

Computer Literacy: Recognizing the importance of computer literacy in the world today, it is recommended that students develop computer skills appropriate for their major fields by either selecting courses that are computer-based or selecting a course(s) that will fulfill this need.

Additional Requirements:

Sufficient college-level credits (1000 or higher) to total 60.

General Requirements for Associate in Arts degree:

1. At least 60 earned college-level credits (numbered 1000 or above). At least 20 credits must be earned at Century College.
2. A grade of C or better in ENGL 1021.
3. Century college-level GPA of 2.0; MnTC GPA of 2.0.

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COUNSELORS' NOTES AND SUGGESTIONS

1. This degree is designed to be a transfer degree consisting of the general education requirements typically completed during the first half (2 years) of a Bachelor's degree ("four year degree"). Century has transfer agreements with all of the Minnesota State Universities, University of MN-Twin Cities¹ and Duluth and University of Wisconsin-River Falls and Stout stating that all of the lower-division general education distribution requirements at these institutions are automatically met by completion of this degree. Century also has articulation agreements with Augsburg College, College of St. Scholastica, Concordia University-St. Paul, University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University that considers transfer students with the MnTC or AA degree to have fulfilled most of their lower-division general education requirements. This does not, however, guarantee the transfer of each course or eliminate the need to plan for pre-major requirements. Students interested in transferring must often meet additional general education requirements, pre-major requirements, second language requirements, and/or minimum high school preparation requirements (only those graduating from high school in 1987 and after) as outlined on the transfer guides available in the Counseling Center, Room 2400 and on the Century website. Consult with Century counselors and representatives of the transfer college of your choice for detailed information and planning. ¹With the exception of the Technology and Society requirement.
 2. Transfer guide sheets outlining general education requirements for a number of four-year colleges are available in the Counseling Center and on the Century website. Century courses meeting these requirements are listed. Transfer guide sheets listing Century courses that meet degree and admission requirements for a number of specific majors at some colleges are also available in the Counseling Center and on the Century website.
 3. Students transferring in at least 8 college-level credits from another MnSCU (Minnesota State Colleges & Universities) institution and/or the University of Minnesota can meet the residency requirement for graduation by completing 12 credits at Century College.
 4. Any exceptions to the requirements for the degree must be petitioned through the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Forms and assistance are available in the Counseling Center.
 5. Students shall follow any catalog in effect during the six-year period proceeding their date of graduation. The student shall declare which catalog year on the form "Application for Graduation" at least six weeks prior to graduation. The student must have been enrolled at Century during the catalog year selected.
 6. Also see the white information sheets, dealing with questions and issues relating to transfer available in the Counseling Center:
 7. Catalogs (print and Web), and other materials from a variety of colleges are available in the Career Center for your use. Course equivalency tables can be found on the web at www.uselectmn.org. The Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS), on the Century website under e-services, delivers computerized information about course requirements needed to complete your degree or program of study at Century. See the Minnesota Transfer website at www.mntransfer.org for more transfer resources.
- Career Information:** Counselors are available in the Counseling and Career Center to assist you with educational and career planning. Resources include career interest and personality inventories and print and web-based occupational and educational information, e.g., occupational descriptions, employment outlook, earnings, education/training requirements and sources. Consult the **GPS LifePlan** link on the Century website for information on these and more resources for your career, work and education planning.

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