

General Education Requirements	40
Wellness Requirement	3
Elective Credits	<u>21</u>
Total Credits	64

## Associate in Arts Degree 2008-2009

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** This degree is intended to constitute the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program. Transferability of courses from Anoka-Ramsey Community College (ARCC) to public higher education systems in Minnesota is enhanced by transfer agreements that are in place. Transfer standards and procedures adopted by all the public higher education systems in Minnesota insure students' transfer rights. Listings of available courses to satisfy the areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum are available at the Counseling and Advising Office. Students interested in specific transfer majors and/or institutions should consult the transfer guides available at the Counseling and Advising Office.

For more information on ARCC, visit our Web site at <http://www.AnokaRamsey.edu>.

**PROGRAM GOALS:** By completing the Associate in Arts degree program, students will achieve the following learning goals:

1. To develop writers and speakers who use the English language effectively and who read, write, speak, and listen critically.
2. To develop thinkers who are able to unify factual, creative, rational, and value-sensitive modes of thought.
3. To improve students' understanding of natural science principles and of the methods of scientific inquiry, i.e., the ways in which scientists investigate natural science phenomena.
4. To increase students' knowledge about mathematical and logical modes of thinking.
5. To increase students' knowledge of how historians and social and behavioral scientists discover, describe, and explain the behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, events, and ideas.
6. To expand students' knowledge of the human condition and human cultures, especially in relation to behavior, ideas, and values expressed in works of human imagination and thought.
7. To increase students' understanding of individual and group differences (e.g. race, gender, class) and their knowledge of the traditions and values of various groups in the United States.
8. To increase students' understanding of the growing interdependence of nations and people and develop their ability to apply a comparative perspective to cross-cultural social, economic, and political experiences.
9. To develop students' capacity to identify, discuss, and reflect upon the ethical dimensions of political, social, and personal life and to understand the ways in which they can exercise responsible and productive citizenship.
10. To improve students' understanding of today's complex environmental challenges.
11. To improve students' awareness and understanding of issues related to personal wellness.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. A minimum of **64 semester** credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC. Students who have transferred to ARCC must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in combined ARCC courses and accepted transfer courses.
3. A minimum of **20 semester** credits applied toward the degree must be taken from ARCC. This requirement may be reduced from **20 to 12 semester** credits for students transferring in at least **8 semester** credits from either another MnSCU college or the UM.
4. Completion of specific degree requirements below.

**NOTE:** The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

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**General Education Requirements/MnTC 40 credits**

Distribution requirements are satisfied through completion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) listed below.

These two criteria must be met to complete the MnTC:

- 1) All ten emphasis areas listed below must be completed.
- 2) A total of at least **40 semester** credits from courses listed in the MnTC must be satisfactorily completed. One course may satisfy more than one emphasis area, but the course credits may be counted only once.

1. Communications (at least two courses)

- ENGL 1121 College Writing and Critical Reading 4 cr
- SPCH 1110 Intro. to Speech Communication, OR 3 cr
- SPCH 2215 Public Speaking OR
- SPCH 2220 Interpersonal Communication

2. Critical Thinking (at least three courses)

3. Natural Sciences (at least one laboratory course with at least one course from each category)

- a. Physical Science
- b. Biological Science

4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning

(at least one course and demonstrated competency)  
Competency is demonstrated by either assessing into a 1000-level math course or completing MATH 0210 or MATH 0220 with a grade of C or better.

5. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (at least two courses; one from each of two categories)
  - a. Economics/Geography
  - b. Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology
  - c. History/Political Science

6. The Humanities and Fine Arts

(at least two courses; one from each of two categories)

- a. Literature
- b. Humanities/Philosophy
- c. Art/Music/Theatre

7. Human Diversity (at least one course)

8. Global Perspective (at least one course)

9. Ethical and Civic Responsibility (at least one course)

10. People and the Environment (at least one course)

**Wellness Requirement**

**3 credits**

Complete either 1 or 2 below.

1. Three credits from any two Health, Physical Education, or Recreation (HPER) courses.
2. HPER 1120

**Elective Credit Requirement**

**21 credits**

The balance of the 64 semester credits for the degree may be met by taking college-level coursework appropriate to the student's transfer program.