

Associate in Arts

Degree Program 2012-2013

General Education/MnTC	40
Elective Credits	17
Wellness Requirement	3
TOTAL CREDITS	60

PROGRAM 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 in the academic advising Office. Students interested in specific transfer majors and/or institutions should consult the transfer guides available on the Web site at <http://www.anokaramsey.edu/student/Transfer/TransferGuides.aspx>.

PROGRAM GOALS:

By completing this 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.

DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES:

Some students may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics, or typing/keyboarding. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum of **60 semester credits** in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- Earn a cumulative minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 at ARCC in all college-level courses.
- Earn a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.0 in all MnTC courses.
- Satisfy residency requirement.
- Completion of specific degree requirements.

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 40 credits

Distribution requirements are satisfied through completion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) listed below. These 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.
- 3) A 2.0 MnTC GPA is required for recognition of a student's completion of the entire Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, with or without completing an associate degree.

- 1. **Communication** (at least *two courses*)
 - ENGL 1121* 4 cr
 - CMST 1110 **OR** CMST 2215 **OR** CMST 2220 3 cr
- 2. **Critical Thinking** (at least *three courses*)
- 3. **Natural Science**
(*one course required in B and C, one course must include a lab*)
 - B. Physical Science
 - C. 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 0220 with a grade of C or better. 3 cr
- 5. **History/Social/Behavioral Sciences**
(*at least two courses; one from each of two categories*)
 - A. Economics/Geography
 - B. Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology
 - C. History/Political Science
- 6. **Humanities/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/Civic Responsibility** (*at least one course*)
- 10. **People and the Environment** (*at least one course*)

Elective Credit Requirements: 17 credits

The balance of the 60 semester credits for the degree may be met by taking college-level coursework appropriate to the student's transfer program.

Wellness Requirements: 3 credits

Complete either 1 or 2 below:

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

* Course has a prerequisite. Prerequisites are listed on the course schedule and in the ARCC Catalog Course Descriptions pages.

NOTE: The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice. You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor, Cambridge Campus 763-433-1840 or Coon Rapids Campus 763-433-1240, for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation.

