



LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES ASSOCIATES DEGREE (AA) 2023-2024

ST. CLOUD TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This 60-credit degree constitutes the first two years of a baccalaureate degree at most colleges and universities. The AA degree provides students with a broad base of classes to help develop key communication and critical thinking skills and exposes students to new and diverse ideas. The AA degree is a stackable credential that students can use in a career or as a basis for further academic studies.

Program Goals /Outcomes

1. Apply Foundational skills needed for the future of their education, work, and life that supports economic and social mobility.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the physical and natural world through scientific and quantitative reasoning skills.
3. Explain the nature of human behaviors, beliefs, and experiences on an individual, social, and cultural level to support their equitable participation in society.
4. Be able to implement multiple strategies to improve their overall wellness.

Developmental Courses

Some courses may require appropriate test scores or may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics, or reading. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.

General Requirements

A minimum:

- of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- GPA of 2.0 at SCTCC or courses transferred in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- 15 semester credits applied toward the degree must be taken from SCTCC.

Program Course Requirements

MnTC GOAL 1 Communications **7 cr**
Written (choose one option)
ENGL 1302 OR (4 cr)
ENGL 1308 & ENGL 1309 (6 cr)
Oral (choose one 3-credit course)
CMST 1320, CMST 2300, CMST 2302, CMST 2310 or CMST 2315

MnTC GOAL 2 Critical Thinking **3 cr**
CRTK 1300 (3 cr)

MnTC GOAL 3 Natural Resources **7 cr**
2 courses from 2 different subjects including 1 lab cr
OR
9 credits from a single subject including 1 lab credit

MnTC GOAL 4 Mathematics/Logical Reasoning **3 cr**
1 Goal 4 course

MnTC GOAL 5 History/Social Behavioral Sciences **9 cr**
3 courses from 3 different subjects

MnTC GOAL 6 Humanities and Fine Arts **9 cr**
3 courses from 3 different subjects

MnTC GOAL 7 Human Diversity **6 cr**
Requires DVRS 1304 and one other course

MnTC GOAL 8 Global Perspective **3 cr**
1 Goal 8 course

MnTC GOAL9 Ethic and Civic Responsibility **3 cr**
1 Goal 9 course

MnTC GOAL 10 People & the Environment **3 cr**
1 Goal 10 course

If you fulfill the 10 goal areas in fewer than 40 credits, select courses from any goal area to earn the 40-credit requirement.

Wellness Requirement **2 cr**
HPER 1310, HPER 1311, BLGY 1325, PSYC 1350

Elective Credits **18 cr**
Additional general education courses or college-level coursework can be applied to fulfill requirements.

MN Transfer Curriculum	40
Electives	18
Wellness	2
Total Credits	60

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GOAL 1 COMMUNICATIONS Requires: 2 courses 7 credits (ENGL and CMST course)

Written (choose one option)		Goal	Oral (choose one option)		Goal
ENGL 1302	Analytical Writing (4 cr)	1	CMST 1320	Intro to Communications Studies (3 cr)	1
OR			CMST 2300	Intro to Public Speaking (3 cr)	1
ENGL 1308 & ENGL 1309	Stretch Analytical Writing I & II (6 cr)	1	CMST 2302	Small Group Communications (3 cr)	1, 9
Goal area 1	Electives (no course required from this category)		CMST 2310	Interpersonal Communications (3 cr)	1
ENGL 1303	Technical Writing (3 cr)	1	CMST 2315	Persuasion and the Media (3 cr)	1, 9
ENGL 2310	Introduction to Creative Writing (3 cr)	1,6			

GOAL 2 CRITICAL THINKING Requires: 1 course 3 credits (CRTK 1300)

		Goal			Goal
CRTK 1300	Critical Thinking (3 cr) (REQUIRED)	2	Goal area 2	Electives (no course required from this category)	
			PHIL 1340	Introduction to Logic (3 cr)	2, 4
			WMST 1300	Introduction to Women's Studies (3 cr)	2, 7

GOAL 3 NATURAL RESOURCES Requires: 2 courses from 2 different subjects including 1 lab credit **OR** 9 credits from a single subject including 1 lab credit

		Goal			Goal
ASTR 1300	Astronomy (3 cr)	3	CHEM 1305	Chemistry for the Non-Scientist (lab course) (4 cr)	3, 10
ASTR 1301	Astronomy Lab (1 cr)	3	CHEM 1345	Gen, Organic & Bio Chem Found (lab course) (4 cr)	3
ASTR 1305	Intro to Astronomy (lab course) (4 cr)	3	CHEM 1350	General Chemistry I (lab course) (4 cr)	3
BLGY 1321	Human Biology (lab course) (4 cr)	3	CHEM 1355	General Chemistry II (lab course) (4 cr)	3
BLGY 1325	Nutrition (3 cr)	3	EASC 1310	Meteorology (lab course) (4 cr)	3
BLGY 1351	General Biology I (lab course) (4 cr)	3, 10	ENVR 1305	Environmental Science (lab course) (4 cr)	3, 10
BLGY 1355	General Biology II (lab course) (4 cr)	3	ENVR 1310	Environmental Issues (3 cr)	3, 10
BLGY 2310	Human A & P I (lab course) (4 cr)	3	ENVR 1315	Natural Resource Conservation (3 cr)	3, 10
BLGY 2320	Human A & P II (lab course) (4 cr)	3	ENVR 2350	Environmental Chemistry (lab course) (4 cr)	3, 10
BLGY 2330	Microbiology (lab course) (4 cr)	3	GEOL 1300	Geology (lab course) (4 cr)	3
BLGY 2340	Genetics (lab course) (4 cr)	3	PHYS 1305	Conceptual Physics (lab course) (4 cr)	3
BLGY 2350	Cellular Biology (lab course) (4 cr)	3	PHYS 2300	General Physics I (lab course) (4 cr)	3
BLGY 2360	Ecology (lab course) (4 cr)	3	PHYS 2305	General Physics I (lab course) (4 cr)	3
			PHYS 2310	Engineering Physics I (lab course) (4 cr)	3
			PHYS 2320	Engineering Physics II (lab course) (4 cr)	3

GOAL 4 MATHEMATICS Requires: 1 course 3 credits

		Goal			Goal
MATH 1321	College Trigonometry (3cr)	4	MATH 2311	Calculus I (5 cr)	4
MATH 1331	Quantitative Reasoning (3 cr)	4	MATH 2321	Calculus II (5 cr)	4
MATH 1341	Elements of Math I (4 cr)	4	MATH 2330	Calculus III, Multivariable Calculus (5 cr)	4
MATH 1345	Elements of Math II (4 cr)	4	MATH 2340	Differential Equations (5 cr)	4
MATH 1351	Statistics (4 cr)	4	MATH 2350	Differential Equations w/Linear Algebra (4 cr)	4
MATH 1360	College Algebra (4 cr)	4	PHIL 1340	Introduction to Logic (3 cr)	4, 2
MATH 1380	Pre-Calculus (5 cr)	4			

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GOAL 5 HISTORY and the SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES Requires: 9 credits (3 courses from 3 different subjects)

		Goal			Goal
ANTH 1300	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3 cr)	5, 8	PSYC 1300	Introduction to Psychology (3 cr)	5
ART 1351	Found Art History II: Renaissance to Cont (3 cr)	5, 6	PSYC 1304	Life Span Developmental Psychology (3 cr)	5
DVRS 1304	Diversity & Social Justice (3 cr)	5, 7	PSYC 1310	Psychology of Women and Gender (3 cr)	5, 7
ECON 2320	Introduction to Macroeconomics (3 cr)	5	PSYC 1320	Psychology of Trauma (3 cr)	5
ECON 2330	Introduction to Microeconomics (3 cr)	5	PSYC 1350	Positive Psychology (3 cr)	5
GEOG 1300	World Regional Geography (3 cr)	5, 8	PSYC 2310	Abnormal Psychology (3 cr)	5
GERO 1300	Introduction to Gerontology (3 cr)	5, 7	PSYC 2320	Social Psychology (3 cr)	5
HIST 1310	American History until 1877 (3 cr)	5, 9	PSYC 2330	Statistics for Psychology/Behavior Sciences (4 cr)	5
HIST 1311	US Since 1877 (3 cr)	5, 9	PSYC 2350	Topics in Human Sexuality (3 cr)	5
HIST 1320	World History to 1500 (3 cr)	5, 8	SOCI 1310	Intro to Sociology (3 cr)	5
HIST 1321	World History since 1500 (3 cr)	5, 8	SOCI 1320	Social Problems (3 cr)	5
HIST 1330	World War II (3 cr)	5, 8	SOCI 1350	Sociology of Marriage & Family (3 cr)	5, 7
HUMN 1315	Latin American Cultures & Civilizations (3 cr)	5, 8	SOCI 1360	Politics of Food (3 cr)	5, 9
POLS 1304	Introduction to American Politics (3 cr)	5, 9	SOCI 2305	Environmental Sociology (3 cr)	5, 10
POLS 1320	Public Issues (3 cr)	5, 9	SSCI 1300	Introduction to the Social Sciences (3 cr)	5

GOAL 6 The HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS Requires: 9 credits (3 courses from 3 different subjects)

		Goal			Goal
ART 1300	Art Appreciation (3 cr)	6	HUMN 1320	Holocaust & Genocide Studies (3cr)	6, 9
ART 1301	Introduction to Studio Art (3 cr)	6	HUMN 1340	Middle Eastern Cultures (3cr)	6, 8
ART 1310	2D Design (4 cr)	6	HUMN 2350	Film and American Culture (3cr)	6
ART 1321	Drawing I (4 cr)	6	HUMN 2352	Holocaust Field Studies (1 cr)	6
ART 1330	Painting I (4 cr)	6	MUSC 1320	Music in World Culture (3cr)	6, 8
ART 1340	Digital Photography (4 cr)	6	MUSC 1340	History of Rock and Roll (3cr)	6
ART 1350	Found Art History I: Ancient to Pre-Renaissance (3cr)	6, 8	MUSC 1350	Experiencing Live Music (3cr)	6
ART 1351	Found Art Hist II: Renaissance to Contemporary (3cr)	6, 5	MUSC 1360	Class Voice (3cr)	6
ART 1370	Introduction to Printmaking (3cr)	6	MUSC 1370	History of Musical Theatre (3cr)	6
ART 1380	Foundation 3D Design & Sculpture (3cr)	6	PHIL 1310	Introduction to Philosophy (3cr)	6
ENGL 1321	Introduction to Modern Fiction (3cr)	6, 8	PHIL 1320	Ethics (3cr)	6, 9
ENGL 1322	Introduction to Literature (3cr)	6	PHIL 1360	Comparative World Religions (3cr)	6, 8
ENGL 1340	Introduction to Multicultural Literature (3cr)	6, 7	SPAN 2315	Literature from our Latinx Communities (3cr)	6, 7
ENGL 1341	Introduction to Women's Literature (3cr)	6, 7	SPAN 2320	Intermediate Spanish II (4 cr)	6, 8
ENGL 1342	Middle Eastern Literature (3cr)	6, 8	THTR 1315	Acting for Everyone (3 cr)	6
ENGL 1345	Gender in Literature (3cr)	6, 7	THTR 1330	Introduction to Theatre	6
ENGL 2310	Introduction to Creative Writing (3cr)	6, 1	THTR 1345	Active Collaboration	6
ENGL 2315	Literature from our Latinx Communities (3cr)	6, 7			

GOAL 7 Human Diversity Requires: 6 credits (2 courses) REQUIRED: DVRS 1304 + one other course

		Goal			Goal
DVRS 1304	Diversity & Social Justice (REQUIRED) (3cr)	7, 5	ENGL 2315	Literature from our Latinx Communities (3cr)	7, 6
	CHOOSE ONE ADDITIONAL COURSE:		GERO 1300	Introduction to Gerontology (3cr)	7, 5
DVRS 1310	Human Relations for a Diverse Workplace (3cr)	7	HASL 1300	American Sign Language I (3cr)	7
DVRS 2301	Race and Ethnic Relations (3cr)	7	PSYC 1310	Psychology of Women and Gender (3cr)	7, 5
ENGL 1340	Introduction to Multicultural Literature (3cr)	7, 6	SOCI 1350	Sociology of Marriage & Families (3cr)	7, 5
ENGL 1341	Introduction to Women's Literature (3cr)	7, 6	SPAN 2315	Literature from our Latinx Communities (3cr)	7, 6
ENGL 1345	Gender in Literature (3cr)	7, 6	WMST 1300	Introduction to Women's Studies (3cr)	7, 2

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GOAL 8 Global Perspective Requires: 3 credits (1 course)

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ART 1350	Found Art History 1: Ancient-Pre-Renaissance (3cr)	8, 6	HUMN 1315	Latin American Cultures and Civilizations (3cr)	8, 5
ANTH 1300	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3cr)	8, 5	HUMN 1340	Middle Eastern Cultures (3cr)	8, 6
ENGL 1321	Introduction to Modern Fiction (3cr)	8, 6	MUSC 1320	Music in World Culture (3cr)	8, 6
ENGL 1342	Middle Eastern Literature (3cr)	8, 6	PHIL 1360	Comparative World Religions (3cr)	8, 6
GEOG 1300	World Regional Geography (3cr)	8, 5	SPAN 1310	Beginning Spanish I (4 cr)	8
HASL 1408	American Sign Language III (3cr)	8	SPAN 1320	Beginning Spanish II (4 cr)	8
HASL 1412	American Sign Language IV (3cr)	8	SPAN 2310	Intermediate Spanish I (4 cr)	8
HIST 1320	World History to 1500 (3cr)	8, 5	SPAN 2320	Intermediate Spanish II (4 cr)	8, 6
HIST 1321	World History since 1500 (3cr)	8, 5			
HIST 1330	World War II (3cr)	8, 5			

GOAL 9 Ethical & Civic Responsibility Requires: 3 credits (1 course)

		Goal			Goal
CMST 2302	Small Group Communication (3cr)	9, 1	HUMN 1320	Holocaust & Genocide Studies (3cr)	9, 6
CMST 2315	Persuasion and the Media (3cr)	9, 1	PHIL 1320	Ethics (3cr)	9, 6
ECON 1310	Personal Finance (3cr)	9	POLS 1304	Introduction to American Politics (3cr)	9, 5
HIST 1310	American History until 1877 (3cr)	9, 5	POLS 1320	Public Issues (3cr)	9, 5
HIST 1311	The United States Since 1877 (3cr)	9, 5	SOCI 1360	Politics of Food (3cr)	9, 5

GOAL 10 People & the Environment Requires: 3 credits (1 course)

		Goal			Goal
BLGY 1351	General Biology I (lab course) (4 cr)	10, 3	ENVR 1310	Environmental Issues (3cr)	10, 3
BLGY 2360	Ecology (4 cr)	10	ENVR 1315	Natural Resource Conservation (3cr)	10, 3
CHEM 1305	Chemistry for the Non-Scientist (lab course) (4 cr)	10, 3	ENVR 2350	Environmental Chemistry (lab course) (4 cr)	10, 3
ECON 1340	Environmental Economics (3cr)	10	SOCI 2305	Environmental Sociology (3cr)	10, 3
ENVR 1305	Environmental Science (lab course) (4 cr)	10, 3			

ELECTIVES Required 18 credits: Options include but not limited to general education • technical program • certificate courses

Green Energy Certificate (19 cr)

ETEC 1515, RNEW 1300, ENVR 1305
ETEC 1524, BMET 1410, GEOG 2305,
ENVR 2370

BUSM & ACCT Courses

Coaching Certificate (12 cr)

HPER 1317, HPER 1325, HPER 1330, HPER 1351

Health Courses

HLTH 1402 Nurse Asst (3 cr)
EMSC 1420 or EMSC 1480 CPR (1 cr)

HELPFUL INFORMATION: Graduation and Transfer Steps

Graduation Application

After registering for your final semester to earn your degree, apply for graduation. Associate of Arts (AA) degree or MN Transfer Curriculum.

Ready to Transfer:

It is recommended to attend 4-year college Transfer Fair. Apply to transfer college 6 -8 months prior to the semester start date.