Associate of Arts (AA) Degree Program

Program Information

This degree is intended to constitute the first two years of a baccalaureate degree program. In addition to lower division introductory coursework in art, the 40 credit Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) is completed within the degree to facilitate easy transfer. For assistance in program planning, or to explore additional transfer options, students should schedule a time to meet with an academic advisor. This degree may transfer in part or in its entirety to baccalaureate institutions. Students should meet with a representative of the transfer institution when planning their program.

Program Goals

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning goals:

- 1. Articulate knowledge of the historical and contemporary trends in art and design, including individual artists, styles and art movements;
- 2. Demonstrate an ability to express design concepts in a physical/visual format that is both coherent and consistent;
- 3. Demonstrate an ability to execute drawings that demonstrate technical competence while also expressing an idea or mood; and
- 4. Evaluate the quality and success of a work of art. This includes evaluation of their own work as well as work done by another artist.

Developmental Courses

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

Completion Requirements

- A minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all MnTC courses.
- Satisfy residency requirements. See page 27.
- Completion of specific degree requirements. Students may earn only one AA degree regardless of emphasis.
- To receive your diploma, you must apply to graduate.
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

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Program Requirements: 17 credits

□ ART 1107	Art History I	3
□ ART 1115	Design I: Basic Visual Theory	
□ ART 1117	3D-Design	
□ ART 1141	Drawing I	
□ ART 1142♦	Drawing I	

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.

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 goal 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 goal 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.
- 4. Students completing the AA with Art Emphasis are required to complete the selected MnTC courses listed below.
- □ 2. Critical Thinking (*three courses required*)
- □ 3. Natural Science (one must include a lab)
 □ A. One Physical Science course required
 □ B. One Biological Science course required
- □ 4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning (one course required)
- □ 5. History/Social/Behavioral Sciences

 (two courses required; one from each of two categories)
 □ A. Economics/Geography
 □ B. Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology
 □ C. History/Political Science
- G. Humanities/Fine Arts (*two courses required; one from each of two categories*)
 A. Literature
 B. Humanities/Philosophy
 - \Box C. Art/Music/Theatre
- □ 7. Human Diversity (one course required)
 □ 8. Global Perspective (one course required)
- 9. Ethical/Civic Responsibility (one course required)
- □ 10. People and the Environment (*one course required*)

Wellness Requirement: 3 credits

□ Select any HPER course(s) totaling at least 3 credits.

Course has prerequisite - see course schedule or catalog description.
 Course requires Instructor permission.



