

PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Associate in Arts is designed for persons interested in transferring to a four-year college or university. To earn an Associate of Arts degree all courses taken must be at college level (numbered 100 or above). A minimum of 75 of the 90 credits required for the degree must be from the General Education List for the Associate in Arts/Associate in General Studies. Copies of the list are available in Building 25 or on line at www.spscc.ctc.edu. A maximum of 15 credits will be allowed for courses numbered 100 or above that are not on the GE list. No more than three credits in Physical Education courses are accepted in transfer. A class can only count once toward General Education requirements. For example, MATH 205 will satisfy either QUANTITATIVE or NATURAL SCIENCE course requirements, but not both. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above in all college-level courses are required.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: General education introduces students to the content and methodology of the major areas of knowledge – communication, the humanities and fine arts, the natural sciences, mathematics and the social sciences – and helps them develop the intellectual skills that will make them more effective life-long learners. The College's general education program intended to meet the transfer requirements of the four-year colleges and universities as outlined in the Intercollegiate Relations Commission Handbook. South Puget Sound Community College prepares recipients of the Associate of Arts degree to:

- Communicate effectively;
- Apply fundamental skills, understand mathematical relationships and appreciate the beauty and power of mathematical structures;
- Demonstrate knowledge of, or practice in, intellectual, cultural and artistic heritages;
- Explain and apply natural laws and theories that model the natural world;
- Understand themselves and others as they interact in a social, political and economic world;
- Think logically and critically;
- Integrate and synthesize knowledge; and
- Function more knowledgeably as responsible citizens in our democratic society.

In planning this degree students need to work closely with their advisor or a counselor as although the Associate of Arts Degree transfers to four-year colleges and universities in Washington State, it may not meet specific department requirements. (For example, business, engineering, education, etc.)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Communication

ENGL& 101	English Composition I (formerly WRIT 101)	5 credits
WRIT 102	College Writing II	<u>5 credits</u>
Total Credits		10 credits

Quantitative Skills

Demonstrated proficiency in intermediate algebra by either:

1. Placement testing;
- OR**
2. Completion of MATH 099 or equivalent;
- OR**
3. Completion of a math course numbered 120 or higher.

AND

Completion of five credits from the Quantitative Skills section of the General Education List for the Associate in Arts/Associate In General Studies. 5 credits

Humanities

Distributed over at least three disciplines with no more than 5 credits in performance/skills courses allowed. 15 credits

Social Science

Distributed over at least three disciplines 15 credits

Natural Science

Distributed over at least three disciplines including one lab science course 15 credits

Electives

A minimum of 15 additional credits must be chosen from the General Education List for the Associate in Arts/Associate in General Studies. A maximum of 15 credits will be allowed for courses numbered 100 or above that are not on the GE list. No more than 3 credits in Physical Education Activities courses are accepted in transfer. 30 credits

Total credits required

90 credits

DIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS: South Puget Sound Community College requires all new students seeking an Associate Degree to complete a “diversity” course which meets the college criteria for listing as a diversity course and has been approved for such listing by the college Instructional Council prior to the student enrolling in the class.

EXIT ASSESSMENT: South Puget Sound Community College requires all students to complete an exit assessment process as a requirement for graduation. This requirement is in effect for the following student populations: all new students as of summer 2003; and those students who do not maintain consecutive enrollment under the pre-existing catalog requirement.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE STATEMENT: South Puget Sound Community College’s equal opportunity policy prohibits discrimination in our services and in employment against any person on the basis of race or ethnicity, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, religion, Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status, or the presence of any sensory, physical or mental disability except in the case of a bona fide occupation qualification. South Puget Sound Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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