

**Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCCD)  
2020-2021 Associate in Business, Special Requirements (ABUS-SR) Degree**

**Description**

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Business, Special Requirements (ABUS-SR) degree requires a minimum of 62 semester credits for the program of study. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 and grades of “C” or higher are required to earn the degree. This degree provides the first two years of a four-year curriculum for students who wish to pursue Computer Information Systems majors at Arizona’s public universities. With a bachelor’s degree, students may pursue a number of careers, including but not limited to accountancy, business administration, business data analytics, computer information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, management, retail management, and supply chain management. The Associate in Business-Special Requirements degree is governed by the [MCCCD General Academic Policies for Transfer Degrees](#).

The Associate in Business-Special Requirements degree includes the following components:

- I. Required Courses
- II. Arizona General Education Curriculum for Business (AGEC-B)
- III. General Electives (if needed to reach minimum credits for degree)

**Purpose of the Degree**

The Associate in Business Special Requirements (ABUS-SR) degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. In general, the components of this degree meet requirements for Business’ Computer Information Systems majors at Arizona’s public universities.. Other Business majors should follow the Associate in Business General Requirements (ABUS-GR) pathway instead. Generally, the degree transfers as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements.

**Special Academic Policies that Govern the ABUS-SR Degree**

- The ABUS-SR does not include any MCCCD Special Requirements for Oral Communication and/or Critical Reading like the other associate degrees. (However, some university programs have a speech requirement; consult your academic advisor or transfer guide to verify the specifics for your program.)
- A single course can be used to satisfy multiple areas within the degree simultaneously (AGEC-B Core Area and/or Awareness Area(s), Required Courses (Common Lower Division Requirements), and/or Restricted Electives (Business Electives)). Credits are counted once toward the total for the degree.

**Degree Requirements**

The 62-71 semester credits required for the Associate in Business Special Requirements follow. The following websites identify the courses that apply to the different General Education Core and Awareness Areas: [AGEC-B](#) and the [AGEC Matrix](#). Courses available for both Areas during a current or upcoming semester can also be found using the “Find A Class” tool on each MCCCD college’s website.

<u><b>Requirements</b></u>	<u><b>Credits</b></u>
<b>I. Required Courses</b> .....	<b>27-31</b>
Accounting.....	(6-9)
ACC111 Accounting Principles <b>AND</b>	
ACC230 Uses of Accounting Information I <b>AND</b>	
ACC240 Uses of Accounting Information II	
<b>OR</b>	
ACC211 Financial Accounting <b>AND</b>	
ACC212 Managerial Accounting	
<b>OR</b>	
ACC111 Accounting Principles I <b>AND</b>	
ACC112 Accounting Principles II <b>AND</b>	
ACC212 Managerial Accounting	

\*FYC may be met with fewer than 6 credits if student has transfer credit from ASU, NAU or UAZ for a single course that meets FYC in full.  
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Some of the following courses can be used to satisfy both this requirement and an AGEC-B Core Area. AGEC designations are subject to change. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.

ECN211 [SB] Macroeconomic Principles.....	(3)
ECN212 [SB] Microeconomic Principles.....	(3)
GBS205 Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues in Business.....	(3)
GBS221 Business Statistics.....	(3)
CIS162AD C#: Level 1.....	(3)
CIS250 Management of Information Systems.....	(3)
Quantitative Methods.....	(3-4)
GBS220 Quantitative Methods in Business <b>OR</b>	
MAT217 or MAT218 Mathematical Analysis for Business	
<i>Note: Students planning to attend ASU W. P. Carey School of Business will be required to take MAT217 or MAT218</i>	

**II. Arizona General Education Curriculum- Business (AGEC-B)..... 29-37\***

The AGEC-B requires a minimum of 35 credits (32 if FYC is met by single transfer course)\*, however, Required and Restricted elective courses may also meet AGEC-B requirements and credits count once toward the total for the degree. Therefore, the AGEC-B may be met with fewer than 35 credits (fewer than 32 if FYC is met by single transfer course)\* as long as all requirements listed in this section (II) are completed.

**A. Core Areas:**

Some courses may be met by Required Courses or Restricted Electives. Some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations and can be used to satisfy [C], [G] and/or [H] requirement(s) as well as their respective Core Area, Required Course(s) or Restricted Elective(s). AGEC designations are subject to change. Courses may meet more than one requirement but are only counted once toward the total credits for the degree. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.

1. First-Year Composition [FYC].....	<b>6*</b>
ENG101 OR ENG107 AND.....	(3)*
ENG102 OR ENG108.....	(3)*
2. Literacy and Critical Inquiry [L].....	<b>3</b>
<i>(Note: Students planning to attend ASU W.P. Carey will be required to take COM225.)</i>	
3. Mathematical Applications [MA].....	<b>3-5</b>
MAT212 Brief Calculus OR.....	(3)
MAT213 Brief Calculus OR.....	(4)
Higher [MA] designated course.....	(3-5)
4. Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications [CS].....	<b>3</b>
CIS105 Survey of Computer Information Systems	
5. Humanities, Arts and Design [HU].....	<b>6</b>
Students are encouraged to choose course work from more than one discipline.	
6. Social-Behavioral Sciences [SB].....	<b>0</b>
Met by Required Courses ECN211 AND ECN212	
7. Natural Sciences [SQ/SG].....	<b>8</b>
The lecture courses selected for Natural Sciences must include or be accompanied by the corresponding laboratory courses for a total of four credits each. Credits for lecture and lab components may be combined or	

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each may carry separate credit. At least four credits must be designated as SQ-Science Quantitative. Eight credits of SG-Science General will not satisfy this requirement.

- B. Awareness Areas..... **0-6**  
 Some courses may be used to satisfy both a Core Area and one or more Awareness Area(s). (See AGECEC matrix for current course values.)
1. Cultural Diversity in the United States [C]..... (0-3)
  2. Global Awareness [G] OR Historical Awareness [H]..... (0-3)

*Note: Students transferring to ASU in Accountancy should take two of the following courses: Sociology with [SB] value, Psychology with [SB] value, and COM230 or COM225. If students do not take these prior to transfer, they may need to take additional hours to meet ASU requirements.*

**III. General Electives..... 0-6**

Select courses 100-level or higher if needed to complete a minimum of 62 semester credits but no more than a total of 64 semester credits, which is the maximum number of credits accepted toward most degree programs at Arizona’s public universities. Ideally, students should select courses that meet requirements for their major/area of interest and transfer institution. See General Associate Degree Academic Policies for further details, limitations, and guidelines.

Maricopa courses and external courses evaluated as Maricopa equivalents, departmental electives (e.g., HISELC for a history elective), or general electives (GENELC) that are numbered 100 level or higher, and completed with a grade of "C" or higher, may be applied in the elective area, regardless of potential transferability to other institutions. It is recommended, however, that students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution meet these general elective requirements with courses that are transferable and applicable to their intended university degree. Transfer advisement information is accessible on the following websites: [aztransfer.com](http://aztransfer.com), [curriculum.maricopa.edu](http://curriculum.maricopa.edu), as well as those of individual universities. For appropriate course selection, students should consult with an academic advisor.

**TOTAL..... 62-71\***

\*64 semester credits is the maximum accepted toward most degree programs at Arizona’s public universities. Some exceptions apply; consult with an academic advisor for additional transfer pathways.