Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)
2025-2026 Associate In Applied Science (AAS) Degree and General Education Requirements

Description

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree requires at least 60 credits in its program of study. The exact number of credits for a specific degree is identified as part of the presentation of its requirements at curriculum.maricopa.edu click on Current Programs or search in the offering college(s)' catalog.

Purpose of the Degree

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree is recommended for students who wish to gain a depth of technical expertise in a particular workforce-related area of study. The AAS degree options vary at the different MCCCD colleges and can be searched alphabetically (click on Current Programs) or by field of interest. Requirements for each degree can be found on the linked web pages and in the corresponding college(s)'s catalog.

Academic Policies that Govern the AAS degree:

* Degree requires 60 or more credits numbered 100 or above and includes credits or the equivalent in the General Education Core areas and credits in the Distribution areas. AAS degree requirements follow with the use of a diagonal character or comma (/ or ,) between course numbers to signify options. An asterisk (*) following the course number defines requirements with an effective begin term of spring;

* All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher; any additional requirements such as grades of B or higher or minimum grade point average requirements are listed on individual degrees and certificates

* The graduation policies within the general catalog must be satisfied. (see General Graduation Requirements Administrative Regulation 2.3.9). First Year Experience is required (FYE 101 or FYE 103).

* Some courses also have equivalent combinations of modular variants; all options are listed and completion of either the course or its modular equivalents will satisfy the AAS requirements.

* Requires completion of General Education courses as indicated in the General Education Requirements for the Associate in Applied Science degree from the Maricopa County Community College District, or completion of a curriculum as stated in the catalog.

* Industry-recognized credentials can be counted as general electives.

* Courses with different credit systems (quarter hours, trimester, units) are converted to semester credit hours. The recovery of a deficiency in a requirement (Prerequisites, Required Courses, Restricted Electives, or General Education) category due to a quarter-hour or other credit system application will be determined by the college.

* Any course that is cross referenced with that of another discipline/subject (for example EDU/ENH291, Children's Literature) covers identical contents. A course under either subject (for example, EDU291 or ENH291) will count only once toward degree requirements.

AAS GENERAL EDUCATION CORE
(12-15 credits)*
Demonstrate college-level skills in the following areas:
First-Year Composition (6 credits)*
ENG English [101/107] & [102/108/111]

Oral Communication (3 credits)
COM Communication 100/100AA & 100AB
    & 100AC/110/110AA & 110AB &110AC/225/230

Critical Reading (3 credits)
CRE Critical Reading 101 **or** Equivalent as indicated
    by assessment

Mathematics (3 credits)
MAT Mathematics 112,114,115,120,121,122,126
    140,141,142,145,146,150,150&182,151,MAT151&182,
    152,152&182,155,155&182,156,156&182,172,187,188,
    206,212,213,217,218,220,221,225,227,230,231,240,
    241,256,257,276,277,
    equivalent course/Satisfactory completion of a higher
    level mathematics course

AAS GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION AREAS
(9-10 credits)
Humanities, Arts and Design (2-3 credits)
AFR African American Studies *203*
AHU Arabic Humanities 245
AIS American Indian Studies 213
AJS Administration of Justice Studies 123
ARH Art Humanities Any ARH Course(s)
ART Art 131
ASB Anthropology 211/214/220/222/223/253
AVC Art and Visual Communication 150
CCS Chicana and Chicano Studies 101
COM Communication 150, 241
CON Construction 101
DAH Dance Humanities 100/201/250/255
ECE Engineering Science 150
EDU Education 230/291/292/294
EED Early Education 225
ENG English 200/213/218
ENH English Humanities Any ENH Course(s)
FMT Film, Media, and Theatre 107
FRE French 265
GST Game Studies 202
HCR Health Care Related 210
HIS History 101/102/103/108/110/111/113/114/203/212/251/252
HON Honors 190
HUM Humanities Any HUM course(s) (except 120, 225)
INT Interior Design 115/120
JPH Japanese Humanities 245
LAT Latin 201/202
MHL Music: History/Literature 140/143/145/146/153/155/194/
    204/241/242/295
PHI Philosophy Any PHI Course(s)
QST Queer Studies 200, 210
REL Religious Studies Any REL Course(s)
SLC Studies in Language & Culture 201/202
SPA Spanish 241/242/265/266
SPH Spanish Humanities 241, 245
SSH Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111
STO Storytelling 292/294, 295
SWU Social Work 183
TEC Textiles and Clothing 105, 125
THE Theatre 111/220
THF Theatre and Film 205/206/210
THP Theatre Performance/Production 217, 241
WST Women's Studies 209/284/285/290

Social-Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)
AFR African American Studies 202/203/204
AIS American Indian Studies 101/140/141/160
AJS Administration of Justice Studies 101/200/225/258/270
ASB Anthropology 100/102/202/211/222/223/
    226/230/235/252
ASM Anthropology 104/275

(Social-Behavioral Sciences Continued)
BHS Behavioral Health Services Technology 150, 155, 175, 210
CAP Counseling and Applied Psychology 120
CCS Chicana and Chicano Studies 202
CFS Child/Family Studies 112/157/159/176/205/235/259
COM Communications 100/100AA&100AB&100AC/
    110/110AA&110AB & 110AC/ 163/230/250/263
CPD Counseling and Personal Development 102AH, 180
ECH Early Childhood Education 176
ECN Economics Any ECN course(s)
EDU Education 221/222
EED Early Education 205/222
EMT Emergency Medical Technology 258
ENG English 213
FSC Fire Science Technology 258
GCU Cultural Geography 102/113/121WG/141/221
HES Health Science 100, 120
HIS History Any HIS course(s) (except 111,170, 173, 251, 252)
HON Honors 201
HUM Humanities 235
IBS International Business 109
IFS Information Studies 201, 210, 213
MCO Mass Communications 120
MGT Management 229/230
PAD Public Administration 200
POS Political Science Any POS course(s)
PSY Psychology 101/123/132/156/157/215/218/225/235/240/241/
    243/250/260/262/266/277/280/292
QST Queer Studies 200, 210
REC Recreation 120
SBU Society and Business 200
SLC Studies in Language & Culture 201
SOC Sociology Any SOC course(s) (except 143, 245, 253, 265)
SSH Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111
SUS Sustainability/Natural Sciences 110
SWU Social Work 171/182/250/258/295
TEC Textiles and Clothing 105
WST Women's Studies 100/161
YAQ Yaqui Indian History and Culture 100

Natural Sciences (4 credits)
The lecture course(s) selected for Natural Sciences must include or
be accompanied by the corresponding laboratory course. The
lecture and corresponding laboratory course(s) may carry separate
credit. Students should consult with an advisor for appropriate
course selection.
AGS Agricultural Science 164, 260
ASB Anthropology (Soc/Behv. Science) 231
ASM Anthropology (Science/Math) 104/265/275
AST Astronomy 101/106/111/112
BIO Biology
    100/101/102/105/107/108/109/111/116/145/
    149AN/156/156XT/160/181/181XT/182/182XT/
    201/201XT/202/205
CHM Chemistry 107&107LL/130&130LL/130AA, 140AA
    150AA/150&151LL/151AA/151&151LL/152AA/
    152&152LL/230AA/230&230LL
CON Construction 106
ENV Environmental Sciences 101
FON Food and Nutrition 241&241LL
FOR Forensic Science 105/106
GLG Geology Any combination of GLG course(s) meeting the
    minimums described above
GPH Physical Geography 111&112/113/211/212&214/
    213&215
PHS Physical Science 110/115/120
PHY Physics 101/111/112/121/131
PSY Psychology 275/290AB/290AC

* 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.