

# Accounting

## Associate in Arts

**Total Required Credits for Degree:** minimum of 64  
*General Education Core Curriculum:* minimum of 37  
*Additional Coursework:* 27  
**Code:** 8203

### About the Program

The Accounting program provides the theoretical and practical background necessary for supervisory and administrative careers in accounting and accounting-related areas. The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is for students who want to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution. To become a Certified Public Accountant, students must qualify to sit for the CPA Exam, which requires the completion of 150 semester hours to include a baccalaureate degree.

Program web site: [www.cod.edu/accounting](http://www.cod.edu/accounting)

### Program Note

Consult a faculty adviser or the Counseling and Advising office before planning coursework.

### Key First Semester Courses

Students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits are considered full-time students. The following courses are examples of possible choices for the first semester of study:

Course	Credits
Accounting 1140 .....	4
English 1101.....	3
Mathematics (check transfer institution requirement) .....	3
Humanities or Fine Arts Elective.....	3 to 5
Physical/Life Science Elective .....	3 to 5

### General Education Core Curriculum

Each candidate for an A.A. degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 37 General Education credits. General Education credit may not be earned using a Satisfactory/Fail grade.

Use the *Student Planning Worksheet* or consult a list of General Education categories and courses for this degree to decide what needs to be taken. Links can be found on the Accounting web site ([www.cod.edu/accounting/](http://www.cod.edu/accounting/)).

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are recommended for the Accounting Associate in Arts degree:

**Communication:** 9 credits  
Written: 6 credits  
Oral: 3 credits

**Required courses:** English 1101 and 1102 (grade of “C” or higher required); Speech 1100 (grade of “C” or higher required)

**Physical and Life Sciences:** 7 to 10 credits  
Select at least one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences. At least one course must have a laboratory component.  
**Recommended courses:** See the *Student Planning Worksheet*.

**Mathematics:** 3 to 5 credits  
**Recommended course:** See the *Student Planning Worksheet*.

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 9 credits  
Select at least one course from Humanities and at least one course from Fine Arts.  
*Please note:* Only one foreign language course may apply for general education credit. Additional foreign language courses will count as elective credit toward your degree.

Earn no more than 6 credits in History in the Humanities and Fine Arts, and Social and Behavioral Sciences categories combined. Additional credits in History from general education or other categories may be earned as elective credit, unless restricted by degree requirements.  
**Recommended courses:** See the *Student Planning Worksheet*.

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 9 credits  
Courses must be selected from at least two disciplines. See note under Humanities/Fine Arts regarding History courses.  
**Recommended courses:** Economics 2201 and 2202

**Additional Coursework**  
Students are strongly advised to consult with a faculty adviser and/or the transfer institution in selecting 27 General Elective credits. Students can earn a maximum of 10 credits in technical/occupational areas (the transferability of these courses needs to be validated with a transfer institution).  
**Recommended courses:** Accounting 1140, 1150; Business 1100; and Computer Information Systems 1221

**Additional A.A. Degree Requirements**  
These credits can count as either General Education Core Curriculum (in the Humanities category or the Social and Behavioral Sciences category) or as General Elective credit, whichever applies.

**Human Relations:** Complete one course.  
**Recommended course:** See the *Student Planning Worksheet*.

**Global/Multicultural Studies:** Complete one course.  
**Recommended course:** See the *Student Planning Worksheet*.

**Contemporary Life Skills:** Complete one course.  
**Recommended courses:** Accounting 1140; Computer Information Systems 1110

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### IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative)

The IAI General Education Core Curriculum is based on a package concept, in which a package of courses is used to meet the receiving institution's lower-division general education requirements. The entire IAI package must be completed to ensure full articulation.

Always seek the advice of an academic adviser at College of DuPage or an admissions counselor at a transfer institution when choosing major courses. For additional information, check the web site at: [www.itransfer.org](http://www.itransfer.org) or the College of DuPage transfer guide web site at: [home.cod.edu/academics/transferinfo](http://home.cod.edu/academics/transferinfo).

### Advisers

If you are considering this program as an area of study, consult with an adviser in this field:

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