

Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

Degree Requirements

(Total Minimum Credits Required: 64)

Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall:

1. Select courses to complete the required credits from:
 - a. General education core requirement courses,
 - b. Coursework in the Global/ Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills category
 - c. Specific program Career/Technical Education required courses, and
 - d. Additional coursework if necessary to a minimum of 64 credits, but due to external licensure and certification, programs may require more than 64 credits. A list of Applied Science degree options can be found in the Associate in Applied Science Degrees and Certificates section of the Catalog.
2. Satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General Education courses as specified below.
 - a. **Communication..... 6 credits**
Written (6 credits) English 1101 or 1105
Oral (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150
 - b. **Physical and Life Sciences 3 to 5 credits**
Select at least one course with a laboratory component.
 - c. **Mathematics 3 to 5 credits**
Select a minimum of 3 credits (of 1000 level or above). Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one of the following three statistics courses will count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or 1431.
 - d. **Humanities and Fine Arts..... 3 credits**
 - e. **Social and Behavioral Sciences 3 credits**
3. **Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills 2 credits**
Complete at least two credits from the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills category.
4. The minimum number of program-specific credits required for an A.A.S. degree varies with each program, but must total at least 20 credits.
5. Satisfy graduation requirements for all associate's degrees.
6. Earn no more than 16 credits in courses numbered 1800 or 2800, 1840 or 2840, 1820 to 1829, and 2820 to 2829, or labeled as independent study, experimental/pilot, selected topics or field/experiential.
7. Earn no more than 4 credits in Physical Education activity courses.
8. Earn no more than 12 credits with a satisfactory/fail grade option.
9. Earn no more than 42 credits by demonstrated competence through the Advanced Placement Program (AP), designated course-specific subject examinations of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the College of DuPage Proficiency Through an Instructor Program.