

Undeclared Major

Associate in Arts

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

Code: 8000

Note: Consult the Counseling Faculty before planning coursework, (630) 942-2259.

First Semester Possibilities

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
English 1101.....	3
OR	
Speech 1100	3
Humanities, Mathematics*, Physical/Life Sciences*, or Social/Behavioral Sciences course	3 to 5
Education 1105†	2
OR	
Education 1110†	2
Survey course	5
(any course numbered 1000 that can introduce you to a field you would like to explore)	

* See Program Note 5.

† See Program Note 3.

Program Notes

1. This is based on an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree. Students with an interest in science or mathematics may wish to work toward an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. Both degrees prepare students for transfer to a baccalaureate-granting school. It is definitely to your advantage to make a decision about your major career direction so you can coordinate your coursework with the requirements of a transfer institution. Failure to declare a major could extend the amount of time spent in completing your baccalaureate degree.
2. Students who earn an Associate in Arts degree at College of DuPage may transfer credits to baccalaureate-granting schools. This guide helps students plan their first semester at College of DuPage.
3. Education 1105, *Career Development*, may be valuable to you in determining your major and/or career. Education 1110, *Interpersonal Skills for Life and Work*, assists in strengthening skills for personal and work relationships.
4. Courses numbered below 1000 do not apply to the associate's degrees and are not transferable.
5. Science and mathematics choices often are driven by major; therefore, care should be taken in course selection.

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 Undeclared Major online program guide (www.cod.edu, click on "Academics" and then choose this program from the drop-down menu).

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are recommended for the Undeclared Major 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 Program Note 5.

Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits

Recommended course: See Program Note 5.

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 course: For some majors, a foreign language is required. If you have completed one year of the same foreign language in high school with at least a "C" average, you should begin at the 1102 level at College of DuPage. If you have completed two years of the same foreign language in high school with at least a "C" average, begin at the 2201 level. If you have questions about proper placement or level of competence in language courses, consult with the appropriate language instructor.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 9 credits

Courses must be selected from at least two disciplines. See note under Humanities/Fine Arts regarding History courses.

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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).

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 courses: Education 1105, Education 1110

Global/Multicultural Studies: Complete one course.

Recommended courses: Choose from list, i.e., Anthropology, Geography, History, Religious Studies, Political Science, Sociology.

Contemporary Life Skills: Complete one course.

Recommended courses: Education 1105, Education 1110

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 or the College of DuPage transfer guide web site at: www.cod.edu/dept/regner/maintest.htm.

Counselors

Counselors are professionally trained to help with decisions on a broad range of educational, career, personal/social and life transition concerns. Counseling services are available in the Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2044, or at one of the five off-campus centers located in Addison, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Naperville and Westmont. Call (630) 942-2259 for an appointment or for more information.