



Academic Programs

General Education Statement of Philosophy

General education courses at East Arkansas Community College enhance academic skills, reasoning capability and general knowledge required for continued learning and advancement in students' professional and personal lives. Students will demonstrate increased proficiency in communication, critical thinking, personal and global awareness, academic proficiency, and professional development.

Degrees and Certificates

East Arkansas Community College offers the following degrees and certificates:

The Associate of Science Degree (A.S.)

Students may obtain an Associate of Science degree (A.S.) in Business at EACC. The 63 hour curriculum is a science-based transfer degree for students with the goal of a Bachelor of Science in Business. Students who follow the curriculum should be able to transfer all credits to any Arkansas public university **except** the University of Arkansas Fayetteville.

The Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.) is designed for those students wishing to complete the first two years of a baccalaureate degree at this institution. This degree will be flexible enough to provide students wishing to major in virtually any academic area the opportunity to complete the general education requirements needed for most work in the major which is offered at East Arkansas Community College.

The Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

is a technical degree designed to prepare the student in a specific occupational area. Graduates normally enter directly into employment. EACC currently offers Associate of Applied Science degrees in the following areas:

A.A.S. Degrees:

- Administrative Office Technology
- Advanced Manufacturing Technology
- Childcare
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedic
- Entrepreneurship
- General Technology
- Management
- Medical Assisting Technology
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant-South Arkansas College
- Radiologic Technology
- Renewable Energy Technology

Cooperative Associate of Applied Science Degrees: East Arkansas Community College and Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute have reached agreement on three cooperative

A.A.S. degrees:

- Administrative Office Technology
- Drafting and Design
- Child Care

All students in the cooperative degree programs will satisfy assessment and placement standards identical to all East Arkansas Community College students. Students who require remediation must complete the remedial courses designated by the College or retest at a college level or above. Students must be admitted to both institutions using normal admissions procedures, and students should be able to register and take classes at both institutions each semester. General requirements for Associate of Applied Science and Academic Standards policies will be used. Students must follow EACC's guidelines relative to course load. General education courses will be sequential and integrated into the total program.

The College will accept no more than 42 hours from CRTI, and courses identified as capstone courses at EACC will not be accepted for transfer. East Arkansas Community College will be listed as the degree granting institution. Those planning to seek a cooperative A.A.S. degree should declare their degree major upon enrollment at CRTI. Students should verify the transferability of courses through both institutions.

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education has asked all institutions with A.A.S. degrees to print the following:

"The Associate of Applied Science Degree is designed for employment purposes, and it should not be assumed that the degree or the courses in the degree can be transferred to another institution. While some institutions do accept some courses in A.A.S. Programs, the general rule is that courses in A.A.S. Degrees are not accepted in transfer toward bachelors' degrees. Students to whom transfer is important should get assurances in writing in advance from the institution to which they wish to transfer."

The Technical Certificate

The Technical Certificate is a planned and coherent program of classroom and laboratory/shop work at the collegiate level. It recognizes the completion of a specified level of competency in an occupational field. The program of study may be part of an Associate of Applied Science curriculum or a stand-alone program. The curriculum requires a demonstration of competency in communications, (oral and written), mathematics, and other general education disciplines necessary to be successful in the field. The range of credit hours is 24 - 42 semester hours. Exceptions to this range will be allowed only when accrediting or approval agencies require additional semester hours.

Technical Certificates:

Advanced Manufacturing Technology
Business Systems Networking Cisco
Computer Information Systems
Criminal Justice
Diesel Technology
Drafting and Design
Electronics
Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedic
Engineering Design Technology
Entrepreneurship
Environmental/Health and Safety Technology
General Studies
Health Professions
Internet Technology/Web Page Design
Microcomputer Maintenance/Repair
Microcomputer Systems Administration
Office Technology
Renewable Energy Technology
Word Processing/Desktop Publishing

The Certificate of Proficiency

The Certificate of Proficiency is awarded to students who have demonstrated mastery of skills and knowledge against specified performance standards in a specific area or discipline. The award is granted for programs of less than one year or less (7 - 8 semester credit hours). The program of study may be part of other programs leading to the awarding of a Technical Certificate or Associate Degree. Only one Certificate of Proficiency should be awarded prior to completion of a Technical Certificate or Associate Degree.

Certificates of Proficiency

Advanced Manufacturing Technology
Business Systems Networking Cisco
Criminal Justice
Diesel Technology
Electrical Maintenance Technology
Environmental/Health and Safety Technology
Emergency Medical Technology-Basic
Hospitality
Internet Technology/Web Page Design
Lean Technology
Lodging
Medication Assistant
Medical Professions Education
Microcomputer Maintenance and Repair
Microcomputer Systems Administration
Renewable Energy Technology

Degree Requirements:

A student has the option of fulfilling the degree requirements listed in the catalog in use when he or she first enters the College, the "entry catalog," or the catalog in use the semester he or she will graduate, the "graduation catalog," with the following exceptions:

1. The "entry catalog" for students in a selective admissions program shall be the catalog in use when he or she first enters the program.
2. If the time span between "entry catalog" and "graduation catalog" exceeds five (5) years the "entry catalog" shall be the catalog in use at the time of earliest enrollment which does not exceed the five (5) year time span.

Instructional Programs

Degree Requirements, General – In order to earn a degree from East Arkansas Community College, the student must meet the following general degree requirements:

1. Complete at least 12 semester hours in residence at East Arkansas Community College.
2. Be enrolled at East Arkansas Community College during the semester in which degree requirements are completed with the exception that up to 12 semester hours may be transferred back from another institution.
3. Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 out of a possible 4.0 for all courses submitted for graduation. No course will be counted more than once for graduation.
4. File a signed degree audit with the registrar.
5. Submit a formal application for graduation and participate in graduation exercises unless formally excused
by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
6. Satisfactorily settle all financial obligations.

I. Associate of Arts Degree

East Arkansas Community College offers the Associate of Arts degree for those students wishing to complete the first two years of a baccalaureate degree at this institution. This degree will be flexible enough to provide students wishing to major in virtually any academic area the opportunity to complete the general education requirements needed for work in their major which is offered at East Arkansas Community College.

1. Degree Requirements, Associate of Arts – The following degree requirements apply to East Arkansas Community College:
 - a. Satisfaction of all general degree requirements.
 - b. Completion of at least 15 semester hours of sophomore (2000 level) courses, at least six semester hours of which must have been completed at East Arkansas Community College.
 - c. Six semester hours of English Composition – ENG 1013 and ENG 1023, English

- Composition I and English Composition II.
- d. Six semester hours of Literature selected from the following:
- ENG 2073 World Literature I
 - ENG 2083 World Literature II
 - ENG 2093 Survey /African American Literature
 - ENG 2183 Western Literature I
 - ENG 2283 Western Literature II
 - ENG 2193 British Literature I
 - ENG 2293 British Literature II
 - ENG 2243 American Literature Before 1865
 - ENG 2253 American Literature Since 1865

Note-A student may select any two of the courses listed to fulfill the 6 hour literature requirement with the following exceptions:

- (1.) A student may not choose the combination of Western Literature I and World Literature I to meet the 6 hour requirement.
 - (2.) A student may not choose the combination of Western Literature II and World Literature II to meet the 6 hour requirement.
- e. Three semester hours of Communication:
SPE 1003 Introduction to Oral Communication
- f. Three semester hours of Arts electives selected from the following:
- ART 1003 Art Appreciation
 - MUS 1003 Music Appreciation
 - DRA 1003 Theatre Appreciation
- g. Three semester hours of College Algebra- MTH 1113 or MTH 1013 College Mathematics or a higher level mathematics course.
- h. Four semester hours of a biological science course which includes a laboratory.
- i. Four semester hours of a physical science course which includes a laboratory.
- j. Three semester hours of Western Civilization (HIS 1013 or HIS 1023).
- k. Three semester hours of Social Science electives selected from the following courses:
- HIS 2033 U.S. History Before 1865
 - HIS 2043 U.S. History Since 1865
 - PSC 2003 American Government
- l. Nine semester hours selected from the following courses:
- PSY 1003 General Psychology
 - SOC 1013 Introduction to Sociology
 - SOC 2003 Social Problems
 - HIS 2033 U.S. History Before 1865
 - HIS 2043 U.S. History Since 1865
 - HIS 1013 Western Civilization I
 - HIS 1023 Western Civilization II
 - HIS 2003 African-American History
 - SOC 2043 Introduction to Anthropology
 - SSC 2013 Social Science Seminar
 - SSC 1003 Introduction to Social Science0
 - PSC 2003 American Government
 - BUS 2213 Principles of Macroeconomics

- GRY 1003 World Geography
- CJS 1003 Introduction to Criminal Justice

No more than 6 hours of history will count toward satisfying the social science requirements and no more than 3 hours of economics will count toward satisfying the social science requirements.

- m. Two semester hours of HPR courses to be selected from the following:
HPR 1732 Concepts of Physical Activity or 2 semester hours of HPR Activity classes.
- n. Three semester hours of basic computer skills:
BUS 1603 Computer Fundamentals.
- o. Elective to complete 64 semester hours.
MTH 1053 Intermediate Algebra WILL NOT count as an elective.

II. Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching (60-64 Semester Hours):

The Associate of Arts Degree in Teaching is a transfer degree offered by EACC and other two-year colleges in Arkansas. This program has been developed with four-year teacher education programs and with the State's two-year institutions. The curriculum below outlines the AAT requirements for transfer to Arkansas four-year institutions as approved by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Degree Requirements:

The following degree requirements apply.

- A. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.65.
- B. Passing score on the Praxis I exam which is required for initial teaching certification in the State of Arkansas.
- C. General Education Requirements: (35 hrs)

English/Communications	(9 hours)
ENG 1013 English Composition I	
ENG 1023 English Composition II	
SPE 1003 Speech (Oral Communications)	
Mathematics	(3 hours)
MTH 1113 College Algebra	
Lab Science	(8 hours)
Biology with Lab	
PHS 1214 Intro to Physical Science with Lab	
Fine Arts/Humanities	(6 hours)
ART 1003 Art Appreciation or	
MUS 1003 Music Appreciation or	
DRA 1003 Theatre Appreciation	
ENG 2073 or ENG 2083 World Literature I or II	
Social Sciences	(9 hours)
PSC 2003 American Government	
HIS 1013 or HIS 2043 World Civilization I or II	
HIS 2033 or HIS 2043 US History	

- D. Education Core Requirements** (12 hours)
- EDN 2053 Introduction to Education

EDN 2193 K-12 Educational Technology
 MTH 2403 Math I
 MTH 2423 Math II

E. Required Electives (6 hours)

HIS 2053 Arkansas History
 PSY 1003 General Psychology

F. Teaching Levels

1. Middle School Requirements (7-11 hours)

Option 1 – Math/Science Specialty

MTH 1123 College Trig or
 MTH1224 Pre-Calculus or
 MTH 2114 Survey of Calculus or higher level
 Physical Geography or Geology or Earth System with
 Lab
 Directed Elective (0-3 hours)

-or-

Option 2-Language Arts/Social Studies Specialty

ENG 2243 or ENG 2253 American Literature
 GRY 1003 World Geography
 Directed Elective (1-3 hours)

2. P-4 Requirements (7-10 hours)

GRY 1003 World Geography
 EDN 2083 Child Growth and Development
 HPR Activity (1 hour)
 Directed Elective (0-3 hours)

III. Associate of Science in Business

The Associate of Science in Business is designed for students wanting to transfer to a university and major in business. It is comprised of the following courses and described in greater detail on page 32.

Degree Requirements	Hours
a. English Composition	(6 hours)
b. Speech/Oral Communications	(3 hours)
c. Humanities	(6 hours)
d. Social and Behavioral Sciences	(3 hours)
e. History and American Government	(6 hours)
f. Lab Sciences	(8 hours)
g. College Level Math	(7 hours)
h. Business Courses	(21 hours)
i. Directed Elective	(3 hours)
Total Hours 63	

IV. The Associate of Applied Science Degree

is a technical degree designed to prepare the student in a specific occupational area. Graduates normally enter directly into employment. Requirements for each AAS degree can be found in the college catalog under the appropriate academic department.

V. Certificate in General Studies

The Certificate of General Studies, modeled after the majority of courses listed in the *State Minimum Core*, is a one-year award designed :

- To provide recognition of the completion of a body of knowledge in general education
- To serve as a intermediate step toward an Associate of Arts degree; and/or to recognize as a “completer” a student who has successfully completed a significant number of courses in general education but does not intend to complete an Associate of Arts degree.
- To establish a measurable means of documenting student mastery of many of the competencies identified in the SCANS report (Secretary’s Commission of Achieving Necessary Skills, 1991)

Requirements for Certificate in General Studies:

- a. 6 semester hours selected from the following:
 ENG 1013 English Composition I and
 ENG 1023 English Composition II
- b. 3 semester hours selected from the following:
 SPE 1003 Introduction to Oral Communication
- c. 4 semester hours selected from the following:
 BIO 1014 General Biology with Lab
 BIO 1514 General Zoology with Lab
 BIO 2114 Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab
 BIO 2134 Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab
 BIO 2504 Microbiology with Lab
 BIO 2614 Environmental Science with Lab
 PHS 1214 Physical Science with Lab
 PHY 2114 General Physics I with Lab
 CHE 1024 General Education Chemistry with Lab
 CHE 1214 College Chemistry I with Lab
- d. 3 semester hours selected from the following:
 MTH 1113 College Algebra
 MTH 1013 College Mathematics or higher level mathematics course
- e. 3 semester hours selected from the following:
 BUS 1603 Computer Fundamentals
- f. 3 semester hours selected from the following:
 HIS 2033 U.S. History Before 1865
 HIS 2043 U.S. History Since 1865
 PSC 2003 American Government
- g. 3 semester hours selected from the following
 PSY 1003 General Psychology
 SOC 1013 Introduction to Sociology
- h. 3 semester hours selected from the following
 PSY 1003 General Psychology
 SSC 1003 Introduction to Social Science
 SOC 1013 Introduction to Sociology
 SOC 2003 Social Problems
 HIS 2033 U.S. History Before 1865
 HIS 2043 U.S. History Since 1865
 Introduction to Anthropology
 SSC 2013 Social Science Seminar
 PSC 2003 American Government

- BUS 2213 Principles of Macroeconomics
- HIS 1013 Western Civilization I
- HIS 1023 Western Civilization II
- i. 3 semester hours selected from the following
 - ART 1003 Art Appreciation
 - MUS 1003 Music Appreciation
 - DRA 1003 Theater Appreciation
- j. 3 semester hours selected from the following
 - ENG 2073 World Literature I
 - ENG 2083 World Literature II
 - ENG 2093 Survey of African American Literature
 - ENG 2193 British Literature
 - ENG 2243 American Literature Before 1865
 - ENG 2253 American Literature Since 1865

Total Hours.....37-38

Note: For the Science option, a student must select one additional science course with lab from the list above (follows letter c). For the Humanities option, a student must select one additional humanities course from the list above (follows letter j). If the Science option is selected, the student must select one 4 semester hour biological course and one 4 semester hour physical science course.

Transferability of Courses Statewide Articulation Agreement

Arkansas Act 98 of 1989 provides that the State Board of Higher Education “shall establish in consultation with the colleges and universities a minimum core of courses which shall apply toward the general education core curriculum requirements for baccalaureate degrees at state supported institutions of higher education and which shall be fully transferable between state institutions.”

State Minimum Core Curricula

1. The A.A. degree must include the following courses:
 - English Composition.....6 Hours
 - Fine Arts/Humanities.....6 Hours
 - (including 3 hours survey of literature-must be broad survey courses)**
 - Speech.....3 Hours
 - College Algebra (or course as sophisticated as College Algebra).....3 Hours
 - Laboratory Science.....8 Hours
 - Social Sciences.....9 Hours
 - (Including 3 hours in U.S. History or Government and 3 hours in Western Civilization)**
 - Total Hours.....35**

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. Students are guaranteed the transfer of applicable credits and the equitable treatment in the application of credits for the admissions and degree requirements. Course transferability is not guaranteed for courses listed in ACTS

as “No Comparable Course.” Additionally, courses with a “D” frequently do not transfer and institutional policies may vary. ACTS may be accessed on the Internet by going to the ADHE website and selecting Course Transfer (www.adhe.edu).

Arkansas Assessment of General Education

Act 874 of 1993 of the Arkansas Legislature requires testing of public college/university sophomores who plan to pursue baccalaureate degrees. EACC students working toward an A.A. or A.S. degree or planning to transfer to a four-year school before graduating must be tested no earlier than the accumulation of 45 college-level credits (excluding developmental education) and preferably no later than completing 60 hours. Failure to complete this testing requirement will interrupt graduation plans and/or enrollment at the transfer institution. Schools are required to include a statement on the student’s transcript that he/she has completed the A.A.G.E.

EACC- Arkansas State University Degree Center, and Partnership

In cooperation with EACC, Arkansas State University has established a degree center at the Forrest City campus. ASU has received state approval for three four-year degree programs at EACC — Business Administration, Criminology, and Early Childhood Education. A graduate degree in Educational Leadership is also available. Students who satisfactorily complete all of the required courses offered by ASU-Jonesboro through the Forrest City site and who meet all other program requirements for graduation will earn the appropriate degree from Arkansas State University.

Only students who have been officially admitted to ASU may enroll in degree center courses. Additional junior, senior and graduate courses will be offered at EACC as the need arises. An ASU representative is located on the EACC campus in the Administration Building. The phone number is 633-3754.

ASU/EACC Transfer Agreement

ASU and EACC also participate in a comprehensive transfer agreement. Students transferring with Associate of Arts degrees from EACC will have satisfied Arkansas State University’s General Education Core and will be admitted with junior classification with all college level credits accepted. However, specific ASU degree requirements must be met for a Bachelor’s degree, i.e., certain degrees may require a “C” or higher for major or other specific courses.