

Hawkeye Registration Tip Sheet

The Associate of Arts Degree (A.A. Degree) in Liberal Arts

The Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts is a 62 hour credit program. Students will need to complete 40 hours of required coursework in five major categories: Humanities, Natural Sciences and Math, Social Sciences, Communications, and Social Diversity, along with 22 hours of electives. Students will need to attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

I. Humanities (9 Hours)

- Students will select one Western Civilization course and courses from 2 different areas in Category B.
 - UNI has a graduation requirement in the non-western cultures. Students planning on transferring to UNI can meet that requirement at Hawkeye by completing African Cultures (CLS-130), Middle Eastern History and Culture (CLS-141), Latin American History and Culture (CLS-150) or East Asian Cultures (CLS-160).
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II. Natural Sciences and Math (10 Hours)

- Requires one course each from A, B, and C, including one four-hour science laboratory course. Total of seven hours from A and B.
 - Students cannot apply both Environmental Conservation (CNS-121) and Environmental Science (ENV-115)/Lab (ENV-116) toward their seven-hour science requirement.
 - Education majors should avoid taking Environmental Science (ENV-115) and the Environmental Science Lab (ENV-116).
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO-168) is a prerequisite for Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO-173).
 - Students need the appropriate ACT score, the appropriate compass math score, or have completed the appropriate developmental course(s) to enroll in transfer-level math courses.
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III. Social Sciences (9 Hours)

- Requires one course from A, one from B, and one course from A, B, or C.
 - Introduction to Psychology (PSY-111) or Introduction to Sociology (SOC-110) is recommended for first semester students.
 - Education majors should plan to take Introduction to Psychology (PSY-111) and Developmental Psychology (PSY-121). These courses are prerequisites of Educational Psychology (EDU-240).
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IV. Communications (9 Hours)

- Students need an ACT score of 19 or higher, the appropriate compass writing score, or have completed the necessary developmental course(s) to register for Composition I.
 - Students will need Composition I, Composition II, and Oral Communications to meet graduation requirements. (Composition I must be taken before Composition II.)
 - Students who plan to complete the A.A. Degree at Hawkeye will want to complete their writing requirements as soon as possible.
 - Students who plan to transfer to either Iowa or UNI without completing the A.A. degree should consider completing all writing requirements at one school. Do all at Hawkeye or do none. Discuss with advisor.
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V. Social Diversity (3 Hours)

- It is recommended that students wait until their sophomore year to take Minority Voices in U.S.Literature (LIT-133) or Diversity in America (SOC-205).
 - Students must complete Introduction to Psychology (PSY-111) before taking Psychology of Gender (PSY-262).
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VI. Electives (22 Hours)

- Only 16 credit hours of technical courses can be applied to the A.A. Degree.
- Use electives to meet transfer requirements, fulfill requirements in your major, or to explore areas of personal interest. Refer to transfer school tip sheets for recommended electives.
- Many colleges and universities have a foreign language graduation requirement. Talk with an advisor to determine if your transfer school has such a requirement.
- Recommended electives for 1st year students: Strategies for Academic Success (SDV-113) and/or Career Exploration (SDV-131).
- For academic assistance contact the Academic Support Center BR 116.

Notes for Registration

Course Codes: Pre-requisite (**P**) Co-requisite (**C**)

Full-Time Status: To be considered a “full-time student”, an individual will need to take at least twelve (12) credit hours in both the Fall and Spring semesters. Full-time status in the Summer is six (6) credit hours. For financial aid, students may need to enroll in at least three hours of coursework each semester, including Summer. See the Financial Aid Office for specific guidelines.

Two-Year Plan: Students who plan to graduate from Hawkeye Community College in two years, without summer school, will need to take an average of 15-16 transfer credit hours in both the Fall and Spring semesters over the course of two years, and fulfill all graduation requirements on the 62 hours degree tracking form. Developmental courses do not count toward 62 credit hours to graduate nor do they transfer.