

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE

EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in EDUCATION upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Arts degree with an EDUCATION concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in EDUCATION can lead to diverse career opportunities, including as a teacher, school counselor, educational administrator, instructional coordinator, special education teacher, education consultant, and positions in educational policy, curriculum development, and nonprofit organizations.

Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in EDUCATION, students will:

1. **Demonstrate** a foundational understanding of the history of education, theories, and overall human development to support diverse learning needs.
2. **Develop** effective communication and management skills.
3. **Apply** critical thinking and problem-solving skills to address educational challenges and prepare for further academic study or teaching, counseling, and educational leadership careers.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in EDUCATION to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

HST 123	HISTORY & EXPLORATION OF EDUCATION (3/3)
HUM 241	HUMANITIES I (4/4)
PSY 101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
PSY 226	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
MTH 118	Math for Liberal Arts/Quantitative Reasoning (4/4) OR HIGHER

GENERAL EDUCATION

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including the Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix).

GROUP 4 (G4) – HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, and they must include either: a.) A combination of courses taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix) or b.) HUM 241 and 242 — Humanities I and II. Note: Two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AA degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in EDUCATION, such as **ANP, ART, ECN, EDU, ENG, GEO, HST, HUM, MUS, PFA, PHL, PLS, PSY, SOC, SPE**, and/or foreign language courses in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in EDUCATION. It is strongly recommended that foreign language preparation begin as soon as possible, if pursued. For students with an interest in teaching Math and Sciences, courses with prefixes **BIO, CEM, PHS, PHY, and MTH** should be emphasized in consultation with an Academic Advisor.

RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements
60 CREDITS - 63 CONTACT HOURS

YEAR 1 FALL	14 CREDITS
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2 PR	MTH 118 Math for Liberal Arts/QR (4/4) OR HIGHER
G2	BIO 114 INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGY (4/5)
G3	HST 121 EARLY WESTERN WORLD (3/3)

YEAR 1 SPRING	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
G2	GEO 127 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (4/5)
G3 PR	PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G3 PR	HST 123 HIST & EXP OF EDUCATION (3/3)
G3	HST 122 MODERN WESTERN WORLD (3/3)

YEAR 2 FALL	16 CREDITS
G3	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
G3 PR	PSY 226 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G4 PR	HUM 241 HUMANITIES I (4/4)
G3	ECN 232 ECONOMICS (MACRO) (3/3)
G4	ART 103 DESIGN I: 2D (3/4)

YEAR 2 SPRING	14 CREDITS
G4	HUM 242 HUMANITIES II (4/4)
G4	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)
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