

# Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts (AA) is an undergraduate degree program designed for students who want a rigorous and diverse general curriculum. Students will take courses in a broad range of disciplines, studying the Humanities, Social Sciences, Math, Natural Sciences, Language, Culture, and Fine Arts. Students can customize their academic plan with electives catered to their professional and personal interests. This post-secondary academic credential positions students for career advancement, and may be a first step towards earning a Bachelor's degree. An Associate's degree is also an appropriate pursuit for students who may be undecided on a major and still exploring their interests and career options.

The AA degree requires students to complete a minimum of 60 credits, 30 of which must be taken at Villanova University. Up to 30 credits can be transferred from an accredited institution at the time of admission.

The degree can be completed in-person on Villanova's campus, online, or as a hybrid program.

**Program:** [College of Professional Studies](#)

**Type:** Associate in Arts

## Required Courses

Humanities in Augustinian Tradition - 12 credits

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3

## Civic and Ethical Leadership - 3 credits

Course	Title	Credits
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3

## Core Literature and Writing Seminar - 3 credits

Course	Title	Credits
ENG 1975	Core Lit and Writing Seminar	3

## History - 3 credits

Course designated as Core History

Course	Title	Credits
	Core History Course	3

## Fine Arts - 3 credits

Art History, Studio Art (Drawing, Painting, Calligraphy, Printmaking, Photography), Theater

Course	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3

## Social Science - 3 credits

Economics, Gender & Women's Studies, Geography & the Environment, Global Interdisciplinary Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration or Sociology

Course	Title	Credits
	Social Science	3

## Math - 3 credits

Elementary Statistics or similar course

Course	Title	Credits
STAT 1260	Elementary Statistics	3

## Foreign Language - 6 credits

[Language Requirement \(Proficiency\)](#) or Approved Culture Courses

## Natural Science - 6 credits

Two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE) thematically based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

## Free Electives - 18 credits

see [Free Electives Policy](#)

## Category Descriptions

### Core History Course

Credits: 3

Choose one of the specially designated core history courses (HIS 1060 through HIS 1250).

## Social Science

Credits: 3

Choose from Criminology, Geography and the Environment, History, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration, Sociology, or Social Science.