ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES (AGS) DEGREE
Official MCCCD Advisement Check Sheet
2015-2016 CATALOG YEAR

STUDENTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPER DEGREE AND COURSE SELECTION AND PROGRAM AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THEIR MAJOR AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SEEK ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT. THE COLLEGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEITHER COURSE NOR DEGREE SELECTION. THE AGS DEGREE IS RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE EDUCATIONAL GOALS THAT REQUIRE FLEXIBILITY. THIS DEGREE MAY BE LESS APPROPRIATE FOR STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO TRANSFER TO A BACCALAUREATE-GRANTING INSTITUTION.

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I. GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (13-16 credits) Courses must be grade of “C” or better

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<td>MATHEMATICS (3 credits) STARTING FALL 2015, MAT102 WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED. SEE ADVISOR FOR APPROPRIATE COURSE FOR MAJOR.</td>
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II. GENERAL STUDIES DISTRIBUTION (28-29 credits)

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*COM 100, 100AA-AC, 110 or 230 can simultaneously satisfy ORAL COMMUNICATION and SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (1 course). COM 225 can simultaneously satisfy CRITICAL READING and LITERACY. CREDITS can only be counted once. See #1 under ACADEMIC POLICIES on next page.

NOTE: Completion of this AGS degree and a minimum 2.0 on a 4.0 = A scale for ARIZONA RESIDENTS and 2.5 on a 4.0 = A scale for NON-RESIDENTS exempts student from ARIZONA UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

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Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in General Studies (AGS) degree is recommended for students whose educational goals require flexibility. The AGS allows students to choose any elective courses numbered 100 or above to complete the degree. Therefore, this degree may be less appropriate for students who intend to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution.

Students who demonstrate skills comparable to those in Critical Reading and/or Mathematics and/or Computer Usage may substitute acceptable elective courses to satisfy the total credits required for the degree.

Academic Policies That Govern the Associate in General Studies Degree:

- Requires a minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 100 and above.
- AGS degree requirements follow with the use of a diagonal character (/) between course numbers to signify options. An asterisk (*) following the course number defines requirements with an effective begin term of spring;
- Requires grades as listed for specific areas such as the General Education Core where a minimum grade of “C” is required. Courses applied to other areas may be completed with a minimum grade of “D”;
- Uses the following policies for course(s) satisfying multiple program areas:
  1. A course can simultaneously satisfy one Core area and one Distribution area. Courses that meet this criterion are bold print and underscored in the Core areas and Distribution areas.
  2. A course cannot satisfy more than one Core area, even if it is approved for more than one Core area.
  3. A course cannot satisfy more than one Distribution area, even if it is approved for more than one Distribution area.
- Follows the graduation policies within the general catalog;
- Includes both courses and their modular equivalents; either the course or the modular equivalents will satisfy the Associate in General Studies;
- Accepts one of the courses that is cross-referenced with other courses.

Policies Supporting Student Success

Students who will be attending college for the first time (including students who received MCCCD credits through Dual/Concurrent Enrollment, ACE, Hoop of Learning, or any MCCCD early outreach program) and intend to earn a degree or transfer to a college/university will be required to:

- meet with an academic advisor prior to the start of their first semester at a MCCCD college;
- attend New Student Orientation prior to the start of their first semester.

Students who will be attending college for the first time (including students who received MCCCD credits through Dual/Concurrent Enrollment, ACE, Hoop of Learning, or any MCCCD early outreach program) and intend to earn a degree or transfer on to a college/university, and who test into one or more developmental education courses will be required to complete a college success course (CPD/AAA150 or CPD/AAA115) at a MCCCD college.

Students who test into courses that are below college level (i.e., below 100-level) will be advised and placed into the courses within the first two semesters enrolled.

Students are required to complete a course placement test under any one of the following conditions:

- The student is taking his or her first college credit English, reading or math course, or any college course for which English, reading or math is a prerequisite.
- The student is pursuing a degree or transfer pathway and does not have current valid district approved course placement scores on file or does not have previous college credit in English, reading and math.
- A student who is taking his/her first English as a Second Language class and who does not speak English as his/her primary language must take an English proficiency test.
Degree Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE
(16 credits - grade of “C” or better)

First-Year Composition (6 credits)
ENG English [101/107] & [102/108]

Oral Communication (3 credits)
COM Communication 100/100AA & 100AB & 100AC/110/110AA & 110AB & 110AC/225/230

Critical Reading (3 credits)
CRE Critical Reading 101/Equivalent as indicated by assessment

Mathematics (3 credits)

Computer Usage (1 credit)
Computer-related course or demonstration of comparable computer skills. Additional courses may be approved by individual colleges. Students should contact their advisor for college-specific courses satisfying the requirement.

ACCT Accounting 115

AJS Administration of Justice Studies 205
AMS Automated Manufacturing System 150
ARC Architecture 243/244/245


BIO Biology 283
BPC Business-Personal Computers Any BPC Course(s)

CFS Child/Family Studies 180

CIS Computer Information Systems Any CIS Course(s) (except 159, 162, 162AC, 169, 183AA, 217/AM, 259, 262)

CSC Computer Science Any CSC Course(s) (except 200, 200AA, 200AB, 210, 210AA, 210AB)

CTR Court Reporting 101/102

DFT Drafting Technology 105AA/251/254AA/256AA

ECH Early Childhood Education 238

EEE Electrical Engineering 120

ELE Electronic 131/181/241/243/245/281

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Social-Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)
Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline.
AFR African American Studies 202
AIS American Indian Studies 101/140/141/160
AJS Administration of Justice Studies 101/119/200/225/258/259/270
ASB Anthropology 100/102/202/211/222/223/226/230/235/252
ASM Anthropology 104/275
CFS Child/Family Studies 112/157/159/176/205/235/259
COM Communication 100/100AA&100AB&100AC/110/110AA&110AB&110AC/163/230/250/263
ECH Early Childhood Education 176
ECN Economics Any ECN Course(s)
EDU Education 221/222
EED Early Education 200/205/222
EMT Emergency Medical Technology 258
ENG English 213
FOR Forensic Science 275
FSC Fire Science Technology 258
FUS Future Studies 101
GCU Cultural Geography 102/121/122/141/221/227
HES Health Science 100
HIS History any HIS Course(s) (except 111, 170, 251, 252, 253, 254)
HON Honors 201
IBS International Business 109
MCO Mass Communications 120
PAD Public Administration 200
POS Political Science Any POS course(s)
REC Recreation 120
SBU Society and Business 200
SLC Studies in Language & Culture 201
SOC Sociology Any SOC course(s) (except 143, 157, 215, 245, 253, 265, 270)
SSH Sustainability/Social Sciences and Humanities 111
SWU Social Work 102/171/250/258/292
WED Wellness Education 110
WST Women’s Studies 100/161
YAQ Yaqui Indian History and Culture 100

Natural Sciences (7-8 credits)
Two lecture courses and one corresponding laboratory course are to be selected. The lecture and corresponding laboratory course(s) may carry separate credit. For appropriate course selection students should consult with an advisor.
AGS Agricultural Science 164
ASB Anthropology 231
ASM Anthropology 104/265
AST Astronomy 101/102/106&107/111/112/113/114

Natural Sciences Continued
ENV Environmental Sciences 101
FON Food and Nutrition 241&241LL
FOR Forensic Science 105/106
GLG Geology Any GLG course(s)
GPH Physical Geography 111/112&113/211/212&214/213/215
PWS Physical Science 110/120
PHY Physics 101/101AA/111/111AA/112/115/116/121/131
PSY Psychology 275/290AB/290AC

Literacy and Critical Inquiry (3 credits)
AIS American Indian Studies 213
BIO Biology 294
COM Communication 222/225/241
CPD Counseling and Personal Development 160
CRE Critical Reading 101
CUL Culinary Arts 223
EDU Education 282AC
ENG English 111/200/215/216/217/218
ENH English Humanities 254/255
EXS Exercise Science 290
GBS General Business 233
GPH Physical Geography 267
HUM Humanities 225/250/251
IFS Information Studies 201
JRN Journalism 201/215/234
MCO Mass Communications 220
PHI Philosophy 103/106/218
POS Political Science 115
PSY Psychology 290AB/290AC
REL Religious Studies 203/205/207/210
THE Theater 220
THP Theater Performance/Production 241

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