

Associate of Arts Articulation Agreement

It is understood that the following requirements will be met by all students transferring with an Associate of Arts degree from an Iowa community college to an Iowa public university, specifically Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, or the University of Northern Iowa:

1. The Associate of Arts degree will include a minimum of 60 semester hours of courses designed and acceptable for transfer, and may include up to 16 semester hours of career-technical courses.
2. General education courses are defined as those courses which broaden student knowledge in the arts and sciences. Forty (40) semester hours of transfer credit will be required within the following general divisions:
 - a. Communications—8 semester hours
 - b. Humanities—8 semester hours
 - c. Mathematics and Science—8 semester hours (at least one course in each)
 - d. Social Science—8 semester hours
 - e. Distributed Requirement—8 semester hours taken from among the above four divisions.*
3. The remaining 20 semester hours will be accepted from arts and sciences electives designed and acceptable for transfer, with the understanding that up to 16 semester hours of ungraded (pass/satisfactory) career-technical credit could be applied.
4. Where foreign language proficiency and/or course(s) in foreign culture, multi-cultural and/or diversity are required at a public university, students must meet those specific requirements.
5. Students transferring an Associate of Arts degree to a public university must have maintained a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 on all graded arts and sciences courses acceptable for transfer. (**Note:** Transfer GPA does not typically include developmental or career-technical credits.)
6. Having fulfilled the above requirements, students transferring with an Associate of Arts degree to a public university will have met all freshman and sophomore level general education requirements for the college of liberal arts or other participating colleges within the public universities.
7. Students satisfying the above requirements will be enrolled at junior level status in the college of liberal arts or other participating colleges within the public universities.**

8. Students not completing the Associate of Arts degree may be admitted to any of the three public universities; however, this admittance will require a course-by-course evaluation of the student's transcripts.
9. The chair of the LACTS will initiate a meeting each spring, where the current agreement is reviewed by the following:
 - a. Arts and Science Administrators—Iowa Community Colleges
 - b. Deans of Liberal Arts—Iowa Public Universities
 - c. Chief Student Services Administrators—Iowa Community Colleges
 - d. Directors of Admissions—Iowa Public Universities
 - e. Career-Technical Deans—Iowa Community Colleges

Continuation of the agreement remains in effect until such time as all cooperating institutions formally approve any revisions.

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*For Iowa State University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at least three of the eight hours must be in the humanities and at least three of the eight hours must be in natural (physical and biological) sciences. For Iowa State University, College of Business, general education coursework must include three hours of ethics and three hours in global perspectives.

**Participating colleges include:

- Iowa State University, College of Business and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- University of Iowa, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; College of Education; and Henry B. Tippie College of Business
- University of Northern Iowa, all undergraduate colleges within the university.