

# ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.)

Oakton offers an associate in arts (A.A.) degree for students intending to transfer into baccalaureate programs at a four-year college or university.

**Student are encouraged to follow one of the recommended course sequences called Pre-majors that are designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a specific major.**

Pre-majors (p. 1) are available for multiple disciplines. If pre-major in your area of interest is not provided, contact the program coordinator or department chair in your area of interest for program-specific advising. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution should also contact the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success for information on courses to take.

The A.A. is also an appropriate curriculum for students who have not yet chosen a field of specialization, but who wish to take courses at Oakton that will satisfy general education requirements at four-year colleges and universities.

Students should be aware that general education and major requirements vary from one college or university to another. They should plan courses of study carefully with their advisors and frequently consult the catalog of the senior institution to which transfer is intended. **General education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

## Associate in Arts Degree

60 Semester Credit Hours; Curriculum: 0700

**Note:** Refer to IAI General Education Courses page for guidelines on General Education course selection.

| Code  | Title            | Hours |
|---|------------------|-------|
| <b>General Education Requirements</b>   |                  |       |
| <i>Area A - Communications</i>  |                  |       |
| EGL 101   | Composition I    | 3     |
| EGL 102   | Composition II   | 3     |
| SPE 103   | Effective Speech | 3     |
| <i>Area B - Mathematics</i> <sup>1</sup>  |                  |       |
| One MAT course of at least 3 credits from the approved list of IAI general education Mathematics courses  |                  | 3     |
| <i>Area C - Science</i>   |                  |       |
| One science course from the Life Sciences and one science course from the Physical Sciences; at least one of these courses must be a lab course |                  | 7-8   |
| <i>Area D - Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>  |                  |       |
| Three courses from at least two different social or behavioral science disciplines  |                  | 9     |
| <i>Area E - Humanities/Fine Arts</i>  |                  |       |
| Three courses from the Humanities/Fine Arts; at least one course must be from Humanities and one course must be from Fine Arts                  |                  | 9     |
| <i>Area F - Global Studies</i> <sup>2</sup>   |                  |       |
| One course that satisfies Global Studies requirement  |                  | 0-3   |

| <i>Area G - U.S. Diversity Studies</i> <sup>3</sup>          |              |
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| One course that satisfies U.S. Diversity Studies requirement | 0-3          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | <b>37-41</b> |

- Students planning to transfer should contact an academic advisor to select an appropriate mathematics course.*
- Students may take a Global Studies course that satisfies both Area F and another Area requirement.*
- Students may take a U.S. Diversity course that satisfies both Area G and another Area requirement.*

| Code   | Title | Hours     |
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| <b>Electives</b>   |       |           |
| Students should select courses according to their interests and intended major at the bachelor's degree level. Students are encouraged to follow one of the recommended course sequences called Pre-majors. The list of available Pre-majors can be found on the Pre-majors tab. Note that Pre-majors are designed for students who have not decided upon a specific four-year college or university. Once a transfer school is selected, students are strongly encouraged to consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success and the transfer institution's catalog to select courses that will meet the requirements of the transfer institution. |       | 20        |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   |       | <b>20</b> |

- Anthropology Pre-major
- Biology Pre-major for Associate in Arts
- Computer Science Pre-major for Associate in Arts
- Economics Pre-major
- Elementary Education Pre-major
- English Pre-major
- Environmental Studies Pre-major
- Exploring Humanities Pre-major
- Geography Pre-major
- Global Studies Pre-major
- History Pre-major
- Modern Languages Pre-major
- Peace and Social Justice Studies Pre-major
- Philosophy Pre-major
- Political Science Pre-major
- Psychology Pre-major
- Religious Studies Pre-major
- Secondary Education – Humanities, Behavioral/Social Sciences or Arts Pre-major
- Secondary Education – Science or Math Pre-major
- Sociology Pre-major
- Special Education Pre-major
- Speech Pre-major
- Theater Pre-major