

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Associate of Arts (A.A.) Planning Guide

Northland's Liberal Arts & Sciences AA degree gives you the first two years of most bachelor's programs while developing essential skills in communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving. With the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) included, you'll enjoy seamless transfer to Minnesota State universities, the University of Minnesota system, and are typically accepted at most out-of-state institutions, including the University of North Dakota. Whether your goal is teaching, business, healthcare, or beyond, this flexible degree opens doors to countless opportunities and prepares you to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Associate of Arts Degree Requirements – 60 credits

- Completion of the **Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC): 40 credits** in goal areas 1 – 10
 - If a course is eligible for multiple goals, the additional goal(s) are listed in parentheses; however, credits for any course will count only once towards the minimum 40 credits
- Unrestricted electives: 20 credits
- Residency requirement – minimum 15 Northland credits
- 2.0 minimum GPA required for MNTC (D grades are included in this calculation) and AA Degree
- All courses are three credits unless otherwise noted
- 60 credits total

Goal 1 - Communications (9 credits)

Requires ENGL 1111 & ENGL 1112 and 1 other course

ENGL 1111	Composition I (Required) (Goal 2)
ENGL 1112	Composition II (Required) (Goal 2)
CMST 1101	Intro to Public Speaking (Goal 2)
CMST 1103	Interpersonal Communication (Goal 2)
CMST 1111	Small Group Communication (Goal 9)
SSCI 1101	Human Relations (Goal 2)

MATH 2203	Statistics 4 cr
MATH 2231	Calculus I 4 cr
MATH 2232	Calculus II 4 cr
MATH 2233	Calculus III 4 cr
PHIL 2000	Logic (Goal 2)

Goal 2 – Critical Thinking (3 credits)

40 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MNTC) credits will satisfy goal 2.

Goal 3 – Natural Sciences (6 credits)

BIOL 1101	Concepts of Biology 4 cr (Goal 10)
BIOL 1111	Biological Principles I 4 cr (Goal 10)
BIOL 1112	Biological Principles II 4 cr (Goal 10)
BIOL 2131	Nutrition
BIOL 2221	Microbiology
BIOL 2260	Anatomy & Physiology I 4 cr
BIOL 2262	Anatomy & Physiology II 4 cr
CHEM 1020	Intro to Chemistry 4 cr
CHEM 1121	General Chemistry I 5 cr
CHEM 1122	General Chemistry II 5 cr
CHEM 2205	Survey Gen-Organic-Bio Chemistry 4 cr
CHEM 2211	Organic Chemistry I 5 cr
CHEM 2212	Organic Chemistry II 5 cr
NSCI 1103	Geology 4cr (Goal 10)
NSCI 1123	Astronomy 4cr (Goal 10)
NSCI 2203	Environmental Science 4cr (Goal 10)
PHYS 1111	General Physics I 4 cr
PHYS 1112	General Physics II 4 cr

Goal 4 – Mathematical/Logical Reasoning (3 credits)

MATH 1102	Contemporary Math (Goal 2)
MATH 1106	Trigonometry 2 cr
MATH 1111	College Algebra 4 cr
MATH 1113	Pre-Calculus 5 cr

Goal 5 – History & the Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 credits - minimum of 2 disciplines)

ANTH 2202	Cultural Anthropology (Goal 8)
ECON 2201	Microeconomics
ECON 2202	Macroeconomics (Goal 8)
GEOG 2241	Physical Geography (Goal 10)
GLST 1101	Intro to Global Studies (Goal 8)
HIST 1103	World History Pre-1500 (Goal 8)
HIST 1114	World History Post 1500 (Goal 8)
HIST 2125	World Wars 1914-1945 (Goal 8)
HIST 2201	US History Pre-1865 (Goal 7B)
HIST 2202	US History Post 1865 (Goal 7B)
HIST 2210	Minnesota History
HIST 2213	Civil War-Reconstruction
HIST 2250	American Minorities (Goal 7B)
PLSC 1101	Intro Political Science (Goal 8)
PLSC 1102	American Govt and Politics (Goal 9)
PLSC 1103	State-Local Government (Goal 9)
PLSC 2202	International Relations (Goal 8)
PLSC 2204	Comparative Governments (Goal 8)
PLSC 2221	Civil Liberties (Goal 9)
PSYC 1105	Intro to Psychology
PSYC 1107	Health Psychology (Goal 7A)
PSYC 2201	Developmental Psychology
PSYC 2215	Abnormal Psychology
SOCI 1101	Intro to Sociology (Goal 7A)
SOCI 1102	Social Problems in US (Goal 7A)
SOCI 1107	Intro to Criminal Justice (Goal 9)
SOCI 2212	Sex Gender and Society (Goal 7A)
SOCI 2215	Criminology (Goal 9)
SOCI 2220	Marriage and Family (Goal 7A)

**Goal 6 – Humanities and the Fine Arts
(8 credits – minimum of 2 disciplines)**

ARTS 1101	Art Appreciation 3 cr (Goal 2, 8)
ARTS 1114	Foundation Drawing I (Goal 2)
ARTS 1122	Digital Imaging (Goal 2)
ARTS 1127	Foundation 2D Design (Goal 2)
ARTS 1128	Foundation 3D Design (Goal 2)
ARTS 1130	Intro to Photography (Goal 2)
ARTS 1131	Digital Photography (Goal 2)
ARTS 1156	Intro to Painting (Goal 2)
ARTS 1157	Intro to Printmaking (Goal 2)

Goal 6 – Continued

ARTS 1233	Foundation Art History I (Goal 8)
ARTS 1234	Foundation Art History II (Goal 7A)
ARTS 2006	Foundation Drawing II (Goal 2)
ARTS 2007	Painting II (Goal 2)
ARTS 2160	Intro to Sculpture (Goal 2)
ARTS 2210	Intro to Ceramics (Goal 2)
CMST 2222	Intro to Media Literacy
ENGL 1126	Intro to Literature
ENGL 2100	Intro to Literary Studies
ENGL 2203	Creative Writing
ENGL 2221	Women's Literature (Goal 2)
ENGL 2231	Literature and Film
ENGL 2242	American Lit Post 1865
ENGL 2248	Multicultural Literature (Goal 7A)
ENGL 2258	World Literature (Goal 8)
ENGL 2261	Intro to Drama
ENGL 2262	Intro to Film
ENGL 2263	Intro to Short Stories
HUMN 1101	Intro to Humanities (Goal 2)
MUSC 1110	Understanding Music
MUSC 1210	Rock Music thru Time (Goal 7B)
MUSC 1230	Country Music History (Goal 7A)
MUSC 1250	Music of Black America (Goal 7B)
MUSC 2110	Appreciating Jazz (Goal 7B)
MUSC 2250	Music of Latin America (Goal 8)
MUSC 2510	Music Around the World (Goal 8)
PHIL 1101	Intro to Philosophy (Goal 2)
PHIL 1102	Intro to Ethics (Goal 2, 9)
PHIL 1111	Philosophy of Religion (Goal 8)
PHIL 2210	Morals and Medicine (Goal 2, 9)
THTR 1102	Beginning Acting

Goal 7 – Human Diversity, Race, Power, and Justice in the United States (3 credits)

Choose a course from either subcategory A or B

Goal 7A. Human Diversity

ARTS 1234	Foundation Art History II (Goal 6)
CMST 2205	Intercultural Communication (Goal 8)
ENGL 2248	Multicultural Literature (Goal 6)
MUSC 1230	Country Music History (Goal 6)
SOCI 1101	Intro to Sociology (Goal 5)
SOCI 1102	Social Problems in US (Goal 5)
SOCI 2212	Sex Gender and Society (Goal 5)
SOCI 2220	Marriage and Family (Goal 5)
PSYC 1107	Health Psychology (Goal 5)

Goal 7B. Race, Power, and Justice

HIST 2201	US History Pre 1865 (Goal 5)
HIST 2202	US History Post 1865 (Goal 5)
HIST 2250	American Minorities (Goal 5)
MUSC 1210	Rock Music thru Time (Goal 6)
MUSC 1250	Music of Black America (Goal 6)
MUSC 2110	Appreciating Jazz (Goal 6)

Goal 8 – Global Perspective (3 credits)

ANTH 2202	Cultural Anthropology (Goal 5)
ARTS 1101	Art Appreciation 3 cr (Goal 2, 6)
ARTS 1233	Foundation Art History I (Goal 6)
CMST 2205	Intercultural Communication (Goal 7A)
ECON 2202	Macroeconomics (Goal 5)
ENGL 2258	World Literature (Goal 6)
GLST 1101	Intro to Global Studies (Goal 5)
HIST 1103	World History Pre-1500 (Goal 5)
HIST 1114	World History Post 1500 (Goal 5)
HIST 2125	World Wars 1914-1945 (Goal 5)
MUSC 2250	Music of Latin America (Goal 6)
MUSC 2510	Music Around the World (Goal 6)
PHIL 1111	Philosophy of Religion (Goal 6)
PHIL 2240	Ethics and Business (Goal 9)
PLSC 1101	Intro Political Science (Goal 5)
PLSC 2202	International Relations (Goal 5)
PLSC 2204	Comparative Governments (Goal 5)
SPAN 1101	Beginning Spanish I
SPAN 1102	Beginning Spanish II
SPAN 2201	Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN 2202	Intermediate Spanish II

Goal 9 – Ethical & Civic Responsibility (3 credits)

BUSN 1115	Personal Financial Management
CMST 1111	Small Group Communication (Goal 1)
PHIL 1102	Intro to Ethics (Goal 2, 6)
PHIL 2210	Morals and Medicine (Goal 2, 6)
PHIL 2220	Environmental Ethics (Goal 2, 10)
PHIL 2240	Ethics and Business (Goal 8)
PLSC 1102	American Govt and Politics (Goal 5)
PLSC 1103	State-Local Government (Goal 5)
PLSC 2221	Civil Liberties (Goal 5)
SOCI 1107	Intro to Criminal Justice (Goal 5)
SOCI 2215	Criminology (Goal 5)

Goal 10 – People & the Environment (3 credits)

AGRG 1300	Plant Science 4cr
BIOL 1101	Concepts of Biology 4 cr (Goal 3)
BIOL 1111	Biological Principles I 4 cr (Goal 3)
BIOL 1112	Biological Principles II 4 cr (Goal 3)
BIOL 1131	Intro to Natural Resources
GEOG 2241	Physical Geography
NSCI 1103	Geology 4cr (Goal 3)
NSCI 1123	Astronomy 4cr (Goal 3)
NSCI 2203	Environmental Science 4cr (Goal 3)
PHIL 2220	Environmental Ethics (Goal 2, 9)

Unrestricted elective requirement (20 credits)

No more than 16 of the 20 unrestricted credits can come from career and technical education (CTE) courses.