

Associate in Arts (Baccalaureate Transfer)

About the Degree

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is specifically intended to meet the requirements of students interested in transferring to one of Florida's many public colleges or universities or continuing to pursue a four-year bachelor's degree at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Students are encouraged to determine which upper-division major they plan to pursue and advised to follow the state standard for their specific degree major. Students should also plan to meet with an Advisor to assist them in selecting general education courses and the best recommended electives for their advising track in order to best compliment their selected upper-division major.

Program Requirements

This program requires a **minimum of 60 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's intended baccalaureate transfer major and individual academic degree plan. This program is **eligible** for financial aid.

First Time in College (FTIC), Transfer and Dual Enrollment Students with fewer than 15-credit hours of A.A. (AP 1108) enrollment or more than 15 credit hours but less than a 2.0 GPA will be required to take IDS 1107 in the first term of enrollment at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Exemptions may apply in limited circumstances.

Placement Testing

College placement testing assesses incoming students' skill levels in English, mathematics, and reading. Students are exempt from placement testing if they meet any of the following conditions:

- Entered the ninth grade in a Florida public school in 2003 or after and graduated from a Florida Public High school with a standard high school diploma
- Are currently serving as an active-duty member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Services
- Have received an A.A., A.S., A.A.S. or higher from an accredited institution
- Have completed college-level courses in English and mathematics
- Have completed upper-level developmental courses in English/Reading and Mathematics
- Are a Transient student (Florida Shines or transient letter from home institution is required)

All other students in this program must take a placement test. Students who place into **developmental education courses** are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study and are also required to take one of two student success strategies courses. For additional information, visit catalog.fscj.edu/academics/developmental-education-programs or speak with an advisor.

Degree-seeking students whose native language is not English should consult with an advisor regarding whether they will be required to take an approved English as a second language entry college placement test (CPT-L) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses prior to registering for other college credit classes.

Foreign Language Requirement

Associate in Arts students must meet a foreign language requirement before graduation. Students may fulfill the requirement by completing two college credit courses of the same foreign language or sign language. Courses in American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Latin and Spanish may be used to satisfy the foreign language requirement. American Sign Language (ASL prefix) coursework may not count toward satisfying the foreign language requirements of the intended transfer major at state universities and postsecondary institutions outside Florida. College-level foreign language courses count as A.A. electives and are applied toward your twenty-four hours of required A.A. electives. For additional information about the foreign language requirement, please meet with an advisor.

Associate in Arts Degree Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Students must fulfill the specific program requirements as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville Catalog.
- ☐ Earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses eligible toward the associate in arts degree program. (A.A. Florida State College at Jacksonville GPA).
- ☐ Earned an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This requirement includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit semester hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses.
- ☐ Earned a grade of at least a C in each course used to satisfy the five General Education Requirements areas: I Communication, II Mathematics, III Humanities, IV Natural Sciences and V Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- ☐ Completed at least 25 percent of credit semester hours required for the degree at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Completed 60 semester hours of college credit work as follows:
 - ☐ General Education Requirements (36 semester hours) set forth in the general education requirements of this catalog.
 - ☐ Major elective prerequisites (24 semester hours) set forth in the major prerequisites section of this catalog.
- ☐ Demonstrated competency in a foreign language in accordance with Florida Statute 1007.25. Pursuant to guidelines set in Florida Statute 1007.262, competency is demonstrated by foreign language proficiency (at the intermediate level) equivalent to 2 years in high school or a sequence of two college credit courses in a single foreign language.
- ☐ Demonstrated competency in civic literacy in accordance with s. 1007.25, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Pursuant to guidelines established by Senate Bill 1108, competency is demonstrated by completion of one of three civic literacy courses (AMH 2010, AMH 2020 or POS 2041) with a grade of C or higher **AND** by achievement of the standard score on a state-approved assessment.
- ☐ Students must have fulfilled all financial obligations to the College before they may graduate.

Catalog Year

This document is prepared for students with a **2025-26 College Catalog year** who have not tested into developmental education courses. **Students who enter under the 2025-26 catalog** will be assigned to the degree or certificate requirements in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. The student's assigned catalog year will remain in effect as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Changes to requirements as mandated by law or by rule of the District Board of Trustees may supersede this provision.

To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must have registration for, and successful completion of, at least one course within a three-term period. After three consecutive terms of no enrollment, the student will be discontinued from the current program of study and will need to apply to FSCJ to reenter under the same program of study. Upon readmission, the student will be assigned to the current catalog of record in the chosen program.

Sample Roadmap

This academic roadmap provides general guidance about recommended courses and tasks for your **A.A. (Baccalaureate Transfer) Major in Political Science and Government**. Recommended A.A. Electives may include prerequisites for Transfer Prerequisites. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual degree academic plan. **Terms Offered** are subject to change. Verify course availability at fscj.edu/schedules.

The A.A. (Baccalaureate Transfer) Major in Political Science and Government includes a **Mathematical Thinking in Context math pathway**. This pathway is intended for students in the broadest range of programs of study. In this pathway, students will explore a variety of mathematical concepts utilizing multiple ways of thinking to formulate and solve problems in context.

Term 1

☐ IDS 1107 - Strategies for the Pursuit of Knowledge , Credit Hours: 3. <i>A.A. Elective/First Year Experience. Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	Tasks ☐ Complete an Academic Degree Plan with your advisor. ☐ Follow up with an advisor about any accelerated credits that you may have earned (e.g., dual enrollment, AP, CLEP, etc.). ☐ Complete IDS 1107 - Strategies for the Pursuit of Knowledge (First Year Experience Course). ☐ Check transfer major prerequisites and required G.P.A. before 15 completed credit hours.
☐ ENC 1101 - English Composition I , Credit Hours: 3 or ENC 1101C - English Composition I Enhanced , Credit Hours: 4. <i>Communication Category A. Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ POS 2041 - American Federal Government , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Social and Behavioral Sciences Category B/Civic Literacy/Transfer Prerequisite. Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ MGF 1130 - Mathematical Thinking , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Mathematics. Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	

Term 2

☐ ENC 1102 - Writing About Texts , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Communication Category B. Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	Tasks ☐ Visit an advisor for assistance with the next term's course selection and for guidance with prerequisite coursework. ☐ Explore career resources at fscj.edu/saem/career-development . ☐ Complete a state-approved civic literacy assessment.
☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences Category C or D course , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ MGF 1131 - Mathematics in Context , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Mathematics. Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ A.A. Elective/Transfer Prerequisite. Recommend POS 2112 - State and Local Government , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	

Term 3

☐ Communication Category C course , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	Tasks ☐ Review transfer major prerequisites and required G.P.A. ☐ Meet with an advisor to declare your intended baccalaureate transfer major and institution before 30 completed credit hours.
☐ A.A. Elective: "Discovery" Course. <i>Recommend INR 2002 - International Relations, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	

Term 4

☐ Humanities Category A course , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	Tasks ☐ Confirm that your prerequisite and elective choices as well as your G.P.A. satisfy transfer institution requirements. ☐ Ensure that you fulfill your foreign language requirement. See an advisor for guidance.
☐ Natural Sciences Category A or B course , Credit Hours: 3-4. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ A.A. Elective: "Discovery" Course. <i>Recommend CPO 2002 - Introduction to Comparative Government, Credit Hours: 3. Terms Offered:</i> TBA.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ A.A. Elective: "Discovery" course , Credit Hours: 3-4. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Varies.	Grade Earned: _____	

Term 5

☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences Category C or D course , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	Tasks ☐ Apply to transfer institutions two semesters early. ☐ Attend a Graduation Check Workshop before 45 credit hours completed.
☐ Natural Sciences Category A or B course , Credit Hours: 3-4. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ A.A. Elective: "Discovery" course , Credit Hours: 3-4. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Varies.	Grade Earned: _____	
☐ A.A. Elective: "Discovery" course , Credit Hours: 3-4. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Varies.	Grade Earned: _____	

Term 6

☐ Humanities Category A or Category B course , Credit Hours: 3. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Fall, Spring, Summer.	Grade Earned: _____
☐ A.A. Elective: "Discovery" course , Credit Hours: Varies. <i>Terms Offered:</i> Varies.	Grade Earned: _____