

ARTS - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Doña Ana Community College 2026-2027 Catalog

Associate of Arts

(60 credits)

Students must complete 60 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0. A minimum of 15 of the total degree credits for the associate's degree must be completed at DACC, or any other NMSU campus. The New Mexico General Education Requirements (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/general-education-and-transfer-options/transfer-new-mexico-institutions/>) can be found in the section titled, "Transfer Among New Mexico Institutions of Higher Education".

NOTE: Not all General Education ('G') courses listed below are taught at DACC. Please check DACC's current schedule for actual course offerings.

A grade of C- or better is required in ENGL 1110G Composition I and designated Mathematics courses.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<i>Area I: Communications - Select one course from each sub group. ¹</i>		10
<i>English Composition Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I ²	
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area I course listed in Level 1 in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog		
<i>English Composition Level 2 - Choose one from the following:</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area I course listed in Level 2 in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog		
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
or COMM 1115G Introduction to Communication		
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area I course listed in Oral Communication in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog		
<i>Area II: Mathematics - Choose one from the following:</i>		3
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics ³	
MATH 1220G	College Algebra	
MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area II course listed in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog		
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		10-11
For Area III: Laboratory Sciences and Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences, students must take one course from each area for a total of 7 credits. Students will then take an additional course in either Area III or Area IV for 3-4 credits depending on the students selection (i.e. Area III is 4 credits, Area IV is 3 credits).		
Area III: Laboratory Sciences (4 credits)		
ASTR 1115G	Introduction to Astronomy Lecture & Laboratory	
ASTR 1120G	The Planets Lecture & Laboratory	
BIOL 1120G & BIOL 1120L	Human Biology and Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 2110G & BIOL 2110L	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology and Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Laboratory	

BIOL 2610G & BIOL 2610L	Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution and Principles of Biology: Biodiversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory	
CSCI 1115G	Modern Computing in Practice	
CHEM 1120G	Introduction to Chemistry Lecture and Laboratory (non majors)	
CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
CHEM 1225G	General Chemistry II Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors	
GEOG 1110G	Physical Geography	
GEOL 1110G	Physical Geology	
PHYS 1115G	Survey of Physics with Lab	
PHYS 1125G	Physics of Music	
PHYS 1230G & PHYS 1230L	Algebra-Based Physics I and Algebra-Based Physics I Lab	
PHYS 1240G & PHYS 1240L	Algebra-Based Physics II and Algebra-Based Physics II Lab	
PHYS 1310G & PHYS 1310L	Calculus -Based Physics I and Calculus -Based Physics I Lab	
PHYS 1320G & PHYS 1320L	Calculus -Based Physics II and Calculus -Based Physics II Lab	
or other Approved New Mexico General Education Area III course listed in the current NMSU Catalog		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)		
ANTH 1115G	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 1140G	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1160G	World Archaeology	
CEPY 1120G	Human Growth and Behavior	
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
ECON 1110G	Survey of Economics	
ECON 2110G	Macroeconomic Principles	
ECON 2120G	Principles of Microeconomics Honors	
GEOG 1130G	Human Geography	
POLS 1110G	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS 1120G	American National Government	
JOUR 105G	Media and Society	
LING 2110G	Introduction to the Study of Language and Linguistics	
PHLS 1110G	Personal Health & Wellness	
PSYC 1110G	Introduction to Psychology	
SOWK 2110G	Introduction to Human Services & Social Work	
SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 2310G	Contemporary Social Problems	
GNDR 2110G	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
GNDR 2120G	Representing Women Across Cultures	
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area IV course listed in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog		
Either an Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences or Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (4 or 3 credits)		
<i>Area V: Humanities - Choose one from the following:</i>		3
ENGL 2520G	Film as Literature	
ENGL 2650G	World Literature I	
HIST 1110G	United States History I	
HIST 1120G	United States History II	
HIST 1130G	World History I	
HIST 1140G	World History II	

HIST 1150G	Western Civilization I	
HIST 1160G	Western Civilization II	
PHIL 1115G	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
PHIL 1140G	Philosophy and World Religions	
PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area V course listed in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog		
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts - Choose one from the following:</i>		3
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I	
ARTH 2120G	History of Art II	
ARTS 1145G	Visual Concepts	
ENGL 2310G	Introduction to Creative Writing	
MUSC 1110G	Music Appreciation: Jazz	
MUSC 1130G	Music Appreciation: Western Music	
THEA 1110G	Introduction to Theatre	
or other approved New Mexico General Education Area VI course listed in the current DACC/NMSU Catalog		
<i>General Education Elective</i> ⁴		3
<i>Electives, to bring the total credits to 60</i> ^{5,6}		28
Total Credits		60-61

¹ Students with Area I transfer credits may sometimes complete this requirement with 9 credits.

² Must complete with a C- or better.

³ May not apply to all NMSU B.A. degree programs.

⁴ In order to complete the General Education Requirements, students must take an elective course for 3-4 credits. This course can be any course in any area, excluding Area I: Communications and any crosslisted courses that exceeds the minimum requirement. The elective course must have the "G" distinction. See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/general-education-and-transfer-options/transfer-new-mexico-institutions/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

⁵ Credits may vary based on prerequisites, dual credit, or AP credit. The amount indicated in the requirements list is the amount needed to bring the total to 60 credits and may appear in variable form based on the degree. However students may end up needing to complete more or less on a case-by-case basis. *Electives should be selected in consultation with an academic advisor, the NMSU Catalog and the bachelor's degree requirements to ensure course transfer. Second language courses are recommended if they are required by the intended bachelor's degree.*

⁶ Nine or more credits, all under one prefix, may be substituted for a single general education (G) course with the same prefix. For example, ARTS 1610 Drawing I, ARTS 1240 Design I, ARTS 1250 Design II (totaling 9 credits) could be used in place of the general education course, ARTH 1115G in the NMSU system.