

## Associate in Arts Degree

The Associate in Arts Degree prepares you for transfer to universities with advanced standing. The courses are comparable to lower division level courses at Kansas Regents colleges and universities.

### Developmental courses cannot be used to fulfill degree requirements.

Prior to the beginning of the third semester, candidates for the Associate in Arts Degree must designate a specific program of courses approved by the appropriate instructional area and signed by the advisor.

The Associate in Arts Degree will be awarded upon completion of the planned program of not less than 64 college credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or overall "C." To be eligible for graduation, students must have completed at least fifteen (15) credit hours from Barton County Community College. Students have a maximum of six years to meet catalog requirements for graduation in effect at the College when they first entered. However, if a student has had their college program interrupted by more than two consecutive years, they will be subject to the requirements in effect when they re-enter, or if they elect, the requirements of a later catalog.

Prior coursework may be evaluated to determine currency of content before including the credit hours toward a certificate or degree.

### A minimum distribution of credits shall be:

#### 1. General education requirements include:

<b>Basic/Foundation Studies (Fundamental Courses)</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT:</b>	<b>15 hours</b>
<b>Written Communications</b> English Composition I (ENGL 1203 or 1204) English Composition II (ENGL 1206 or 1207)	<b>6 hours</b>
<b>Oral Communications</b> Public Speaking (COMM 1230), or Interpersonal Communications (COMM 1200)	<b>3 hours</b>
<b>College-level Mathematics</b> (See general education list for acceptable courses.)	<b>3 hours</b>
<b>Computer Literacy</b> Computer Concepts (BSTC 1036)	<b>3 hours</b>
<b>Humanities</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT:</b> Minimum of 3 credit hours in at least two of the following three subject areas:	<b>9 hours*</b>
Fine Arts Area** Language Arts Area Philosophy/Religion and History Area <b>Constraint:</b> At least 3 credits from "breadth" course(s)	<b>2 hours</b>
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT:</b> Minimum of 3 credit hours in at least two of the following three subject areas:	<b>9 hours***</b>

Social Science Area Behavioral Science Area Economics/Political Science Area <b>Constraint:</b> At least 3 credits from "breadth" course(s)	
<b>Natural Sciences</b> <b>Constraint:</b> At least one 5-credit lab science course	<b>5 hours****</b>
<b>Physical Education, Health, Performance</b>  The State of Kansas requires one credit hour of physical education or health for the Associate in Arts Degree. The BCCC requirement may be met with a minimum of two credits in Physical Education, Health, and/or Dance/Music/Theatre performance courses, but no more than one credit hour from performance courses may count towards this two credit hour requirement.	<b>2 hours</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 hours</b>

\* Transfer and Articulation Agreement requires a minimum of 12 credits, with at least one course from any three of the following six areas: Art, Music, Theatre, History, Philosophy, and Literature. No modern language, nor performance or studio courses in Art, Music, or Theatre may be used to fulfill this requirement.

\*\* Excluding courses listed as performance in Music and Theatre. However, up to three credit hours of Art/Theatre studio courses may be used to meet BCCC graduation requirements.

\*\*\* Transfer and Articulation Agreement requires a minimum of 12 credits, with at least one course from any three of the following six areas: Sociology, Political Science, Geography, Psychology, Economics, and Anthropology.

\*\*\*\* Transfer and Articulation Agreement requires a minimum of 9 credits of laboratory science, with courses from two disciplines.

- In addition to the general education requirements, the Associate in Arts Degree requires 24 college credit hours in the subject areas of fine arts, language arts, philosophy, religion, history, social science, behavioral science or economics/political science.**