

# ASSOCIATES OF ARTS IN PROGRAM OF STUDY IN GENERAL EDUCATION 2024-2025

FRESHMAN YEAR   FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
<b>CATEGORY III: Natural Science (with lab)</b> Any course in this area	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATEGORY I: Communication*</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATEGORY VI: Humanities Appreciation/ Creative Arts</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>16</b>	

FRESHMAN YEAR   SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
<b>CATEGORY II: Mathematics*</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATEGORY IV: Social Science/History</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>	

SOPHOMORE YEAR   FALL	CREDITS	COMPLETED
<b>CATEGORY I: Communication</b> COMX 111 Public Speaking <b>OR</b> COMX 115 Interpersonal Communications	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATEGORY III: Natural Science</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATEGORY VII: Technology</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>	

SOPHOMORE YEAR   SPRING	CREDITS	COMPLETED
<b>CATEGORY V: Cultural Diversity</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATEGORY IV: Social Science/History</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATEGORY VI: Humanities Appreciation/ Creative Arts</b> Any course in this area	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advisor Approved Elective	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*Most students are best served by also attending a lab section in support of these courses. Test results may be used to determine if a student is required to do so.

\*\*Students anticipating entry into a program after completing their Associate of Arts should work closely with an advisor when choosing courses for the degree.



# THE VALUE OF YOUR GENERAL EDUCATION DEGREE



Not every student starts college with a clear idea of which degree program to pursue. Some students may have a degree path where completing a two year degree helps them be better prepared to meet their career goals, such as dental hygienist, and will work with an advisor to meet those entry requirements within this program.

The Associate of Arts program at Montana State University-Northern is designed for these students to complete the general education requirements while deciding which major is a best match or taking directed elective course work for a planned transfer to another institution.

Completion of the Associate of Arts degree at Northern satisfies all Bachelor degree general education requirements throughout the Montana University system.

Complete coursework common to all degree programs and earn an Associate of Arts Degree - General Education. Continue on in a four year program at Montana State University- Northern. Complete your general education classes in Havre, and transfer to another Montana University System institution to finish your Bachelor's degree.

## 15 TO FINISH

### WANT TO GRADUATE ON TIME? SAVE MONEY? GET BETTER GRADES?

# 15

You're going to need 15. That's the number of credits you need to take each semester to graduate on time. Sure, you can take less and still receive some scholarships and funding. But unless you take 15 credits a semester (or 30 a year), you're looking at an extra year or more in order to graduate. Know the courses you need to graduate, and meet with your advisor to map out a plan to earn your degree on time.