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To receive the A.A. degree, a student must complete a minimum of 60 college-level credit hours. The 60 hours must include the 36 credit hours of general education requirements and 24 hours of university transfer program prerequisites/electives. In addition to the credit hour requirement listed above, the student must:

1. Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all courses attempted that apply toward the A.A. degree;
2. Complete a minimum of 15 credit hours required for the degree at St. Johns River State College;
3. Satisfy the writing requirements of SBE Rule 6A-10.030 (Gordon Rule) by successfully completing at least 12 hours of courses requiring multiple college-level writing assignments;
4. Satisfy the mathematics requirements of SBE Rule 6A-10.030 by successfully completing at least 6 hours of courses at the level of College Algebra or higher;
5. Complete and submit an application for graduation by the deadline listed in the College calendar;
6. Fulfill all financial obligations to the College.

While the College does not offer the Associate in Arts degree in any "major," with proper planning of coursework students can complete the degree and many prerequisite courses necessary for admission to a variety of degree programs within the State University System. Each possible transfer major has a distinct listing of common prerequisite courses. Talk with your SJR State advisor about common prerequisites, and check the baccalaureate program website at the specific institution where you plan to transfer for additional important information about required prerequisite courses for your intended major.

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AND ADMISSION TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Associate in Arts degree graduates are guaranteed certain rights under Florida Statute 1007.23 that establishes the statewide articulation agreement. This agreement governs the transfer of students from Florida College System institutions into the State University System and specifically addresses admission to the university and admission to specific programs within the university.

The articulation agreement designates the Associate in Arts degree as the transfer degree. In doing so, the agreement specifically guarantees that:

1. The degree holder will be granted admission to one of the state universities.
2. The graduate will be awarded at least 60 credit hours toward the baccalaureate degree.
3. Once a student has completed the general education requirement and it is noted on his transcript (regardless of whether an Associate in Arts degree is awarded), no state university or state college to which the student may transfer can require additional courses to the general education core.
4. When transferring among institutions participating in the Statewide Course Numbering System, an institution must accept all courses taken at the

transfer institution if the same course with the same course number is offered at the receiving institution.

5. Credits earned through acceleration mechanisms (CLEP, dual enrollment, etc.) within the Associate in Arts degree will be transferable to the State University System.

Students seeking admission to a state university without the Associate in Arts degree are not protected by the articulation agreement and may be denied admission or lose credit hours when transferring. In most cases, these students must meet freshman admission requirements.

Additional transfer agreements exist between SJR State and universities for several Associate in Science degree programs. Students seeking admission to those programs are protected under the articulation agreements.

## ADMISSION TO A PROGRAM WITHIN A STATE UNIVERSITY

The university determines the courses and prerequisites that must be taken in order to earn a baccalaureate degree for a specific program. Although all credit earned toward an Associate in Arts degree will transfer to a university, not all credit may satisfy the program prerequisites or the course requirements for a specific baccalaureate degree. Therefore, it is important to know the program requirements and to meet program prerequisites while completing the Associate in Arts degree. Talk with your SJR State advisor about common prerequisites, and check the baccalaureate program website at the specific institution where you plan to transfer for additional important information about required prerequisite courses for your intended major.

## LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAMS

Limited access programs within the State University System are programs that have additional admission requirements that are more restrictive than the university's general admission requirements. The requirements may include minimum grade point averages, test scores, prerequisite courses, auditions, or portfolios.

Associate in Arts degree graduates are not guaranteed admission into limited access programs, but under the articulation agreement they are guaranteed the same opportunity as a native university student to enroll in a limited access program. Limited access program requirements are published in catalogs, counseling manuals, and other publications. Any changes in program requirements must include sufficient time for students to adjust to meet the program criteria.

## RIGHT OF APPEAL

Should a student be denied any of these guarantees, he has the right to file an appeal. Each State University and Florida College System institution has established appeal procedures. Students may contact the State University or Florida College System institution articulation officer for a copy of these procedures.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

Associate in Arts degree students should not use physical education activity courses as elective credit to fulfill the 60 credit hour requirement unless they wish to enter a program within the State University System that specifically requires such courses.

## GORDON RULE REQUIREMENTS

This rule applies to all students prior to receipt of an Associate in Arts degree from a public Florida College System institution or university or prior to entry into upper division of a public university.

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For the purpose of this rule, a grade of “C” or better shall be considered successful completion for all courses that meet Gordon Rule requirements.

In accordance with Florida State Board of Education Rule Number 6A-10.030, all students must successfully complete at least 12 hours of courses requiring multiple college-level writing assignments. Students at SJR State may meet this requirement through the completion of ENC 1101, ENC 1102, any one of the designated Gordon Rule literature courses, and any one of the designated Gordon Rule humanities courses.

The Gordon Rule also requires all students enrolling in any college for the first time on or after January 1, 1983, to complete satisfactorily a minimum of six semester hours of mathematics. These mathematics courses must be at the College Algebra level or higher.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

The Foreign Language Competency requirement can be met by completion of two years of the same high school foreign language or completion of two semesters of the same college level foreign language or documented proficiency of a foreign language. If you did not complete two years of the same high school foreign language and do not have documented proficiency of a foreign language, you will need to complete two semesters of the same college level foreign language in order to graduate with your Associate in Arts degree. These foreign language credits will count towards your required general education elective and/or baccalaureate transfer program prerequisites/elective credit hours. Please check with your Academic Advisor or Workforce Outreach and Success Coordinator if you are unsure whether you already meet this requirement.

### **Native speakers of languages other than English may petition to waive the foreign language coursework requirement.**

Native speakers who are able to demonstrate they completed part of their education in a non-English educational system should complete and submit the foreign language coursework waiver petition with proof of enrollment in a foreign language school in which the language of instruction was not English for a specific, prolonged period of concurrent academic years, generally to include at a minimum the completion of at least three years of formal schooling. Additional documentation may be requested at the discretion of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Native speakers without proof of foreign education have the following options:

- If the language is currently offered by St. Johns River State College, the student may petition to complete a campus-based proficiency examination by a qualified SJR State foreign language faculty member.

- If the language is not currently offered by St. Johns River State College and there are therefore no faculty on staff who can evaluate that language, students have several options:

- submit proof of proficiency in the language through a recognized, standardized test such as CLEP;
- provide alternative documentation concerning their language proficiency to be approved at the discretion of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, or
- complete the foreign language requirement in another language.

For more information or a copy of the foreign language coursework waiver petition, please see your academic advisor.

## **CIVIC LITERACY REQUIREMENT**

Associate in Arts students initially entering a Florida College System institution fall semester 2021 or thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy, to include demonstration of the following competencies:

- Understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government;
- An understanding of the United States Constitution and its application;
- Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-government; and
- An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation and landmark executive actions and their impact on law and society.

Demonstrating competency of civic literacy is met by both earning credit for one of the approved courses and passing one of the approved assessments prior to graduation:

- Approved Courses:
  - POS 1041 United States Federal Government
  - AMH 2020 United States History Since 1877
  - AP Government and Politics: United States (minimum score 3)
  - AP United States History (minimum score 4)
  - CLEP: American Government (minimum score 50)
- Approved Assessments:
  - AP Government and Politics: United States (minimum score 3)
  - AP United States History (minimum score 4)
  - CLEP: American Government (minimum score 50)
  - Civic Literacy Assessment administered in Florida high schools in US Government course (must appear on high school transcript)
  - Florida Civic Literacy Test (administered by SJR State Testing Department)

Completion of an approved course does not waive the requirement of successfully passing one of the approved assessments, nor does successfully passing one of the approved assessments waive the requirement of successfully passing the approved course, with the following exception: the indicated minimum score on the AP Government & Politics: United States; AP US History; or CLEP American Government assessment meets both the civic literacy course and the civic literacy assessment requirements.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be awarded an Associate in Arts degree, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Earn a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 as of the last day of the term applied;
2. Complete the required courses set forth in the college catalog;
3. Complete all general education requirements, choosing baccalaureate transfer program prerequisite course and earning a grade of “C” or higher for all courses meeting the area requirements in communications, humanities, and mathematics;
4. Complete a minimum 25% of all credit hours required for graduation through SJR State;
5. Pay all fees and discharge all other obligations to the College;

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6. File an application for degree conferral by the date specified in the academic calendar.

This program is designed for students who wish to transfer to a university to earn a baccalaureate degree. The Associate in Arts degree is the legally recognized transfer degree for the Florida College System and is specifically designed for the student who wishes to transfer into the State University System of Florida as a junior. Although there are no “majors” in the Associate in Arts degree, with proper planning of coursework, students can complete the A.A. degree and transfer specific courses necessary for admission to a variety of degree programs within the State University System. For more information, see your SJR State Advisor.

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## COMMUNICATIONS (9 CREDIT HOURS): 9

ENC	1101	Composition I
ENC	1102	Composition II

And choose one of the following courses:

AML	2010	American Literature I
AML	2020	American Literature II
AML	2601	African-American Literature I
ENL	2012	English Literature I
ENL	2022	English Literature II
ENL	2330	Introduction to Shakespeare
LIT	2182	Modern Irish Literature
LIT	2380	Literature by Women

A minimum grade of "C" in each communications course is required for general education credit.

## HUMANITIES (6 CREDIT HOURS): 6

HUM	2020	Introduction to Humanities
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And choose one of the following courses:

ARH	1000	Art Appreciation
ARH	2050	Art History I
ARH	2051	Art History II
DAN	2100	Survey of Dance
HUM	2220	Greek and Roman Humanities
HUM	2223	Late Roman & Medieval Humanities
HUM	2232	Renaissance & Baroque Humanities
HUM	2234	Enlightenment & Romanticism Humanities
HUM	2250	20th Century Humanities
HUM	2310	Mythology in Art, Lit, & Music
LIT	2000	Introduction to Literature
MUH	2110	Songs for the Dead: An Introduction to Music History and Literature
MUH	2112	Music History
MUL	1010	Music Appreciation
PHI	2010	Introduction to Philosophy
PHI	2630	Contemporary Ethics
THE	1000	Theater Appreciation
THE	1020	Introduction to Theater History

A minimum grade of "C" in each humanities course is required for general education credit.

## MATHEMATICS (6 CREDIT HOURS): 6

Course selection should be transfer specific. Choose any two of the following mathematics courses:

MAC	1105	College Algebra
MAC	2311	Analytic Geometry & Calculus I
MGF	1106	Mathematics for Liberal Arts I
MGF	1107	Mathematics for Liberal Arts II
STA	2023	Elementary Statistics

Any student who successfully completes a mathematics course for which one of the general education core course options in mathematics is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed one of the two mathematics courses. A minimum grade of "C" in each mathematics course is required for general education credit.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 CREDIT HOURS): 6

Choose one of the three options below. Course selection should be transfer specific and mindful of the civic literacy requirement.

### Option A

Choose one course from

ECO	2013	Macroeconomics
POS	1041	U.S. Federal Government

And

Choose one course from

AMH	1070	Florida Heritage
AMH	2010	U.S. History to 1877
AMH	2020	U.S. History since 1877
ANT	2000	General Anthropology
DEP	2004	Human Growth and Development
PSY	2012	General Psychology
SYG	1000	Introduction to Sociology
SYG	1430	Marriage and the Family

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WOH	1012	World Civilization to 1600
WOH	1022	World Civilization since 1600

## Option B

Choose one course from

AMH	2020	U.S. History since 1877
ANT	2000	General Anthropology

## And

Choose one course from

DEP	2004	Human Growth and Development
ECO	2013	Macroeconomics
ECO	2023	Microeconomics
POS	1041	U.S. Federal Government
POS	1112	State and Local Government
PSY	2012	General Psychology
SYG	1000	Introduction to Sociology
SYG	1430	Marriage and the Family

## Option C

Choose one course from

PSY	2012	General Psychology
SYG	1000	Introduction to Sociology

## And

Choose one course from

AMH	1070	Florida Heritage
AMH	2010	U.S. History to 1877
AMH	2020	U.S. History since 1877
ANT	2000	General Anthropology
ECO	2013	Macroeconomics
ECO	2023	Microeconomics
POS	1041	U.S. Federal Government
POS	1112	State and Local Government
WOH	1012	World Civilization to 1600
WOH	1022	World Civilization since 1600

## NATURAL SCIENCE (6 CREDIT HOURS):

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Course selection should be transfer specific. With the exception of CHM 1020, ESC 1001, EVR 1001C, PHY 1020, BSC 1003, and BSC 1020C, General Education Natural Science courses have a corequisite laboratory. Choose one science course from the following list (with certain exceptions indicated with \* or \*\*):

AST	1002	Introduction to Astronomy
BSC	1005*	Introduction to Biology
BSC	2010*	General Biology I
BSC	2085**	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
CHM	1020	Introduction to Chemistry
CHM	1045	General Chemistry I
ESC	1000	Earth and Space Science
EVR	1001C	Introduction to Environmental Science and Laboratory
PHY	1020	Introduction to Physics
PHY	1053	General Physics I
PHY	2048	Physics I with Calculus

Choose a second science course from the above list or any science course from the following list (with certain exceptions indicated with \* or \*\*):

BSC	1003	Microbes and Society
BSC	1020C**	Human Biology and Laboratory
BSC	2011	General Biology II
BSC	2086	Human Anatomy and Physiology II
CHM	1032	Principles of General Chemistry
CHM	1046	General Chemistry II
MCB	2010	Microbiology
OCB	1000	Marine Biology
PHY	1054	General Physics II
PHY	2049	Physics II with Calculus
ZOO	2010	Zoology

\* Choice of either BSC 1005 or BSC 2010, but not both.

\*\* Choice of either BSC 1020C or BSC 2085, but not both.

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**ACADEMIC PATHWAYS (3 CREDIT HOURS):** **3**

*Choose one of the following courses:*

SLS	1122	Academic Pathways for College Success
IDS	1110	Honors Exploration

AA Transfer and baccalaureate students who have completed more than 30 credits with a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of transfer are exempt from the Academic Pathways General Education requirement and may choose any college credit course selected from communications, humanities, mathematics, natural science, or social science.

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**BACCALAUREATE TRANSFER PROGRAM PREREQUISITES** **(24 CREDIT HOURS)**

Choose 24 credit hours of baccalaureate transfer program prerequisites from the courses marked with “◆” in the course description section of this Catalog. Choose your transfer-specific courses carefully, using these credit hours to satisfy the program prerequisites or course requirements for the specific baccalaureate degree into which you plan to articulate. Talk with your SJR State advisor about common prerequisites, and check the baccalaureate program website at the specific institution where you plan to transfer for additional important information about required prerequisite courses for your intended major.

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**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS** **60**