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# ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.)

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**Previous Degree Required:** HS Diploma

**Eligible for Financial Aid:** Yes

**Delivery Method(s):** On-Campus, Hybrid, Online

**Location(s):** Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Titusville, Online

**Additional Limited Access Application Process Required:** No

**Program Testing Requirements:** Assessment in Reading, Writing, and Math

**Academic Community:** Based on intended transfer major: AHSC, BUSN, EDUC, HSCI, INMC, PBSA, SBHS, STEM

**Program Code:** GENR

**Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code:** 24.0101

**Florida Department of Education CIP Code:** 1192401010

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## General Information

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The [Associate in Arts \(A.A.\)](#) degree is designed for students interested in pursuing a four-year bachelor's degree. Programs of study leading to the A.A. degree consist of a general education component of 36 credit hours and 24 credits of college-transferable electives for a total of 60 credits. The A.A. degree is the freshman and sophomore years of a four-year degree.

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## Transfer Graduation Pathway for Success

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Eastern Florida has created several A.A. advising tracks, called *Transfer GPS: Your Graduation Pathway for Success*, through which specific plans have been developed on the basis of information provided by the Florida State University System.

The program requirements to enter specific majors within the State University System and the Florida College System (FCS) may be varied, as upper division universities set their own academic requirements for entry into specific programs. Students are encouraged to decide on an upper-division school and major when they enroll at Eastern Florida and follow the state-prescribed advising track for that major. While students who earn an A.A. degree are guaranteed admission to one of the twelve Florida public universities, they are not guaranteed admission to a limited access program within the institution. These programs limit enrollment to a specific number of applicants and have more rigorous admission standards, so it is imperative that students take all steps necessary while at Eastern Florida to be eligible.

Students may also view their degree audit by going to the myEFSC portal and clicking on myGPS. Students should meet with an advisor to assist them in selecting general education core courses and recommended electives to prepare for their chosen upper-division major.

The College will make every effort to advise a student concerning upper division requirements for each major. However, for the most current information concerning which electives to choose while in residence at EFSC, each student is encouraged to consult with the dean, department chair, advisor or registrar of the school he or she expects to attend. Students are strongly encouraged to declare a major upon first enrolling at the College.

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## General Education Requirements

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Each Florida public institution has a 36-hour general education program that is part of the A.A. degree and uniquely designed to introduce students to the fundamental knowledge, skills and values essential to the study of academic disciplines.

The Florida articulation agreement guarantees the 36-hour general education block of credit earned at any Florida public college or university will be accepted in total by any other public institution in Florida and no further courses will be required to meet the general education component. However, if students transfer prior to completing the 36-hour general education requirement, the student may be required to take additional courses to meet the general education requirement at the receiving institution. It is strongly recommended that students complete the 36-hour general education block at EFSC prior to transferring. Starting in 2015-16, courses taken to fulfill the general education core requirement are guaranteed to transfer and fulfill core requirements at receiving institutions.

In addition to General Education Requirements, the Florida Department of Education also requires students to demonstrate competency in a [foreign language](#), achieve a passing score on the [Florida Civic Literacy Exam \(FCLE\)](#), and [successfully complete a civic literacy course \(AMH 2020 or POS 2041\)](#) with a minimum grade of C.

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## Elective Credits/Common Prerequisites

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The remaining 24 credit hours of the A.A. are electives. Students can use elective credits to satisfy common prerequisites needed at the intended transfer institution, or to explore areas of interest if a major has not been selected. Most bachelor's degree programs require that students complete specific coursework prior to admission. The amount of coursework varies depending on the program. These courses are referred to as common prerequisites and they are published annually in the [Common Prerequisite Manual](#). Students working toward an A.A. degree should decide upon a baccalaureate program of interest as early as possible so they can identify and complete the prerequisite courses.

It is essential that students work closely with an academic advisor to choose electives required for their intended major at the university or college bachelor's degree program. To transfer into junior level work in a specific major, students must have completed the common program prerequisites for their selected degree.

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## AA General Requirements

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guaranteed to transfer and fulfill core requirements at receiving institutions.

- **All new** (first time in college) **students** must take an entry-level placement test prior to registration. Students who have scores from ACT or SAT within the last two years may use those scores for placement, and must provide an official copy of the test scores. Students who have been awarded an associate's degree or higher from a regionally accredited school are exempt from placement testing. Official transcripts must be presented for exemption.
- Completion of appropriate 60 semester hours with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Required for graduation are the General Education requirements (36 credits) and elective courses (24 credits).
- In the 2022-2023 catalog and thereafter, all Associate in Science, Associate in Arts, and Bachelor students must satisfy the civic literacy competency by taking a Civic Literacy course and pass the Florida Civic Literacy or through one of the methods found on the [Civic Literacy Requirement](#) webpage.
- Specific requirements depend on area of concentration - see an advisor.
- Honors courses will satisfy requirements in their related areas.
- In the 2022-2023 academic year, EFSC will begin awarding nationally recognized digital badges upon completion of general education core courses that demonstrate career readiness. These badges are recognized by every public postsecondary institution in the Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS). The first available digital badge is the "Fundamentals of Written Communication." Students will be earn this badge by one of the following:
  - Completing ENC 1101 with a grade of "C" or higher
  - Complete a course in which ENC 1101 is a prerequisite, with a grade of "C" or higher
  - Equivalent credit awarded through accelerated mechanisms
  - Click here for more information on [Digital Badges](#)

## Requirements

### Communications (9 Credit Hours)

Students must complete all three (3) of the following with a grade of "C" or higher:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENC 1101	Composition 1 <sup>1</sup>	3
ENC 1102	Composition 2	3
SPC 2608	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3

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Satisfies FLDOE Core Course Requirement

### Mathematics (6 Credit Hours)

A minimum of 6 credit hours from the following list, successfully completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

**Note: All prerequisites must be observed.\***

Students should select courses with a thorough understanding of the mathematics requirements for their particular upper division major at the transfer university of choice. See an advisor.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra <sup>1,2</sup>	3
MAC 1114	College Trigonometry	3
MAC 1140	Precalculus Algebra	3
MAC 1147	Precalculus Algebra/Trigonometry	5
MAC 1233	Essentials of Calculus	3
MAC 2311	Calculus 1 with Analytic Geometry <sup>1</sup>	5
MAC 2312	Calculus 2 with Analytic Geometry	5
MAC 2313	Calculus 3 with Analytic Geometry	5
MAD 2104	Discrete Mathematics	3
MAP 2302	Differential Equations	3
MAS 2103	Linear Algebra	3
MGF 1106	Topics in Math <sup>1,2</sup>	3
MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics <sup>1,2</sup>	3
STA 2023	Statistics <sup>1</sup>	3

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Satisfies FLDOE Core Course Requirement

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MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra is a prerequisite for MAC 1105 College Algebra, MGF 1106 Topics in Math, and MGF 1107 Explorations in Mathematics. MGF 1100 Mathematical Literacy is also a prerequisite for MGF 1106 Topics in Math and MGF 1107 Explorations in Mathematics. MGF 1100 Mathematical Literacy and MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra will satisfy elective credits only.

### Natural Science/Biological & Physical (7 Credit Hours)

Follow Plan A or Plan B based on the bachelor's degree you are going to pursue after your AA. Be sure to consult with an advisor.

#### Plan A (7 Credit Hours)

Choose 4 credit hours from Life/Biological Science and 3 credits hours from Physical Science

#### Life/Biological Science (4 credits)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BOTC 1010	Botany	4
BSCC 1005	Fundamentals of Biology <sup>1</sup>	4
BSCC 1010	General Biology 1 <sup>1</sup>	4
BSCC 1011	General Biology 2	4
BSCC 1084	Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BSCC 2093	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
BSCC 2094	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
MCBC 2010	Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
OCBC 2010	Marine Biology	4
ZOOC 1010	Zoology	4

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Satisfies FLDOE Core Course Requirement

#### Physical Sciences (3 Credits)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
AST 1002	Introduction to Astronomy <sup>1</sup>	3
CHM 1025	College Chemistry <sup>2</sup>	3

CHM 1045	General Chemistry 1 <sup>1,2</sup>	3
CHM 1046	General Chemistry 2 <sup>2</sup>	3
CHM 2210	Organic Chemistry 1 <sup>2</sup>	3
CHM 2211	Organic Chemistry 2 <sup>2</sup>	3
EVR 1001	Introduction to Environmental Science <sup>1</sup>	3
GLY 1000	Introduction to Physical Geology	3
MET 2010	Meteorology	3
OCE 1001	Oceanography	3
PHY 2048	General Physics 1 <sup>1,2</sup>	4
PHY 2049	General Physics 2 <sup>2</sup>	4
PHYC 2053	College Physics 1 <sup>1</sup>	4
PHYC 2054	College Physics 2	4
PSC 1341	Physical Science for Today's World	3

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The Lab component(s) must be completed to meet the requirements for this course.

### Plan B

Complete 8 credit hours of sequential Chemistry or Physics courses with labs. Specifically,

- CHM 1045 General Chemistry 1 and CHM 1046 General Chemistry 2 and labs, or
- CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry 1 and CHM 2211 Organic Chemistry 2 and labs, or
- PHY 2048 General Physics 1 and PHY 2049 General Physics 2 and labs, or
- PHYC 2053 College Physics 1 and PHYC 2054 College Physics 2.

### Humanities (6 Credit Hours)

The Humanities requirement may be satisfied by the completion of one course from List 1 and one course from List 2.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>List 1</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
ARH 2000	Art Appreciation <sup>1</sup>	
HUM 1020	Introduction to the Humanities <sup>1</sup>	
LIT 1000	Introduction to Literature <sup>1</sup>	
MUL 2010	Survey of Music Literature <sup>1</sup>	
PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy <sup>1</sup>	
THE 2000	Theatre Appreciation <sup>1</sup>	
<b>List 2</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
ARH 2050	Art History and Criticism Survey 1: Prehistory through Late Medieval	
ARH 2051	Art History and Criticism Survey 2: Early Renaissance to 20th Century	
HUM 2211	Humanities Survey: Ancient through Byzantine Culture	
HUM 2230	Humanities Survey: Byzantine through Enlightenment	

HUM 2249	Humanities Survey: Enlightenment through 21st Century
HUM 2270	Humanities of West, Central, & Southern Africa, Central & South America, the Middle East, & SE Asia
HUM 2390	Themes in the Humanities
HUM 2740	Study Abroad in the Humanities
REL 2300	World Religions
THE 2100	History of the Theatre

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Satisfies FLDOE Core Course Requirement

### Social/Behavioral Science (8 Credit Hours)

Students must take one course from list one to satisfy the Civic Literacy requirement. Students must choose two courses from list two to satisfy the social/behavioral science requirement.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>List 1</b>		
<a href="#">Social/Behavioral Science/Core-Civic Literacy Requirement</a>		
Select one of the following:		3
AMH 2020	US History Since 1877	
POS 2041	American National Government	
<b>List 2</b>		
<i>Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
Select two of the following:		5
AMH 2020	US History Since 1877 <sup>1</sup>	
AMH 2010	US History to 1877	
ECO 2013	Principles of Economics 1 (Macroeconomics) <sup>1</sup>	
EUH 1000	Western Civilization to 1648	
CLP 1001	Psychology of Human Adjustment	
EUH 1001	Western Civilization Since 1648	
ISS 2200	Introduction to International Studies	
POS 2041	American National Government <sup>1</sup>	
PSY 2012	General Psychology 1 <sup>1</sup>	
POS 2112	State and Local Government	
SOW 2054	Community Involvement	
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology <sup>1</sup>	

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Satisfies FLDOE Core Course Requirement

### Electives (24 Credit Hours)

Students should select electives based on common program prerequisites for the intended upper division major.

### Foreign Language Requirement

Coursework for an Associate in Arts degree shall include demonstration of competency in a foreign language at a level at least equivalent to that of students who have completed 2 credits of sequential (same language) instruction in high school. Demonstration of foreign language competency is a graduation requirement for the Associate in Arts degree. This is pursuant to F.S. 1007.262.

Visit the [Foreign Language Competency](#) webpage to determine how foreign language competency may be met.

## Civic Literacy Competency Information

In Fall 2018, Florida legislature was enacted to require students pursuing the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree to demonstrate civic literacy. In fall 2021, legislature was further amended with additional requirements that affects more students and degrees. The following description explains the requirements.

Pursuant to Section 1007.25, F.S., all **first time in college students** initially entering a Florida College System (FCS) institution or state university in the **Fall 2018** school year through **Summer 2021** must demonstrate competency in civic literacy prior to the award of an A.A. This must be done through completion of one of two State-designated courses: AMH 2020 – US History since 1877 or POS 2041 – American National Government, with a grade of "C" or higher. Students may also earn credit for the courses through credit-by-exam:

- Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States (Minimum Score 3)
- Advanced Placement United States History (Minimum Score 4)
- CLEP: American Government (Minimum Score 50)

### Fall 2021

Senate Bill 1108 amends s.1007.25, Florida Statutes (F.S.), to require **ANY** student entering a FCS institution in the **2021-2022** school year and thereafter to complete a course AND pass an assessment to demonstrate competency in civic literacy prior to the award of an associate in arts or **baccalaureate degree**. This rule applies to all students who are entering into associate in arts and baccalaureate programs under the 2021-22 catalog year regardless of prior postsecondary coursework earned in Florida or out-of-state, prior admit terms at Eastern Florida State College, or prior degrees earned (i.e. not only first time in college students).

*Students who were previously exempted from the civic literacy competency or graduated as having met the competency must still meet the graduation competency under the new requirements if they return or pursue a new degree in fall 2021 or later.*

#### 1. Course Requirement

Guidelines for passing the course requirement remain the same: Complete one of two State-designated courses: AMH 2020 – US History since 1877 or POS 2041 – American National Government, with a grade of "C" or higher.

Students may also earn credit for the courses through credit-by-exam:

- Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States (Minimum Score 3)
- Advanced Placement United States History (Minimum Score 4)
- CLEP: American Government (Minimum Score 50)

Note: students who earn credit for either course through other credit-by-exam mechanisms, such as Cambridge AICE or International Baccalaureate, will meet the course requirement but must still take an assessment.

#### 1. Assessment Requirement

1. Receive a passing score (60%) on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)

2. Students who earned a passing score on the FCLE Exam while in high school are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment (FCLE) requirement. They must still pass the course requirement.

#### 2. Course and Assessment

Students who earn credit for the courses through credit-by-exam are considered to have satisfied both the course and assessment (FCLE) requirement:

- Advanced Placement Government and Politics: United States (Minimum Score 3)
- Advanced Placement United States History (Minimum Score 4)
- CLEP: American Government (Minimum Score 50)

*Note: students who earn credit for either course through other credit-by-exam mechanisms not listed in the rule, such as Cambridge AICE or International Baccalaureate, will be considered as having met only the course requirement. These students will need to be assessed using the approved assessment Florida Civic Literacy Exam.*

Visit the [Civic Literacy Requirements](#) webpage for more details on how to meet these requirements, including an FAQ, and how to schedule the FCLE at an EFSC Center.

## Total Credit Hours: 60

*It is the student's responsibility to confirm fulfillment of major prerequisites with the transfer university.*

## Graduation Requirements for the (A.A.) Degree

Responsibility for meeting the requirements of graduation rests with the student. College developmental courses, audited courses, clock hour courses, and continuing education courses are not applicable toward credits for the A.A. degree. Students should visit with an advisor for information regarding transfer degree requirements and applicable courses.

To qualify for graduation with the A.A. from Eastern Florida State College, the student must:

- [Apply for graduation](#) and pay the graduation fee. Applications submitted after the published deadline will incur a late fee.
- Satisfactorily complete a prescribed course of study totaling at least 60 semester hours that include 36 semester hours of general education coursework and 24 hours of elective credit.
- Complete all admission requirements, including the submission of all necessary transcripts and other required documents.
- Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher in all college work attempted. Transfer coursework is included in the cumulative GPA.
- Complete at least 25% (15 credits) of the credit hours required for the degree through traditional instruction at EFSC.
- Complete all coursework with a final grade. Students with a grade of "Incomplete" will not be processed for graduation until a final grade is posted.
  - For graduation in the term of application, the final grade must be posted within the first three weeks of the following term. If the final grade is not posted within the first three weeks of the following term, student must reapply and repay

for graduation in the term they complete all requirements. Student may request through the instructor to have the "I" converted to a permanent "F" if the course is not required to graduate.

- Complete the CORE courses as defined in each subject area.
- Achieve a "C" or higher in all courses designated as a College-Level Communication or Computation Skills course.
- Demonstrate foreign language proficiency.
- Demonstrate competency in [Civic Literacy](#)
- Remove all financial obligations to the college.

EFSC will not release an official transcript or diploma until student has removed all financial obligations to the college.

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## Core Course Requirements

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Pursuant to [F.S. 1007.25\(3\)](#) and [SBE Rule 6A.14.0303](#): first-time-in-college students entering an Florida College System (FCS) institution in fall 2015 or thereafter must successfully complete at least one core course from each of the general education subject areas: Communications, Mathematics, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences, prior to the award of an Associate in Arts degree.

Effective with the 2022-23 academic year, the general education core course requirement applies to all students who are entering into any programs under the 2022-23 catalog year and beyond, regardless of prior postsecondary coursework. This includes transfer students, students entering with prior postsecondary coursework and students from out-of-state.

Students who follow the options outlined in the *A.A. Planning Guide* and earn a degree at EFSC will meet this statewide requirement.

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## College-Level Communication & Computational Skills

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In compliance with *Florida State Board of Education Administrative Rule 6A-10.030*, to measure student achievement in college-level communication and computation skills, other assessment requirements shall be met by successful completion of coursework in English and mathematics. For the purposes of this rule, a grade of C or higher shall be considered successful completion.

- Prior to receipt of an Associate of Arts degree from a public Florida College System institution or university or prior to entry into the upper division of a public university or college, a student shall complete successfully the following:
  - Six (6) semester hours of English coursework and six (6) semester hours of additional coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. Each institution shall designate the courses that fulfill the writing requirements of this section. These course designations shall be submitted to the Statewide Course Numbering System. An institution to which a student transfers shall accept courses so designated by the sending institution as meeting the writing requirements outlined in this section.
  - Six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher. For the purposes of this rule, applied logic, statistics and other such computation coursework which may not be placed within a mathematics department may be

used to fulfill three (3) hours of the six (6) hours required by this section.

- Students awarded college credit in English based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction pursuant to Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., and students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through one (1) or more of the acceleration mechanisms in Rule 6A-10.024, F.A.C., shall be considered to have satisfied the requirements in subsection 6A-10.030(2), F.A.C., to the extent of the college credit awarded.
- Honors sections of these courses will also satisfy the requirements.

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## Math

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Students must complete six (6) semester hours of designated mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher with a grade of "C" or better.

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## English Composition

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Students must complete six credits including [ENC 1101](#) Composition 1 and [ENC 1102](#) Composition 2, or other designated English Composition courses with a grade of "C" or better. To satisfy the *multiple assignments* criteria in [ENC 1101](#) Composition 1 and [ENC 1102](#) Composition 2, each course will require that a *minimum* of three out-of-class writing assignments be completed. One of those assignments **must** be a fully documented research paper with a variety of sources, which earns a grade of "C" or better.

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## Humanities

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Students must complete six credits from the approved courses with a grade of "C" or better. To satisfy the multiple assignments criteria, each course will require that a minimum of two out-of-class writing assignments be completed, one of which must earn a "C" or better.

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## Behavioral and Social Sciences

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Students must complete eight credits from the designated behavioral and social sciences courses with a grade of "C" or better. To satisfy the *multiple assignments* criteria, each course will require that a *minimum* of two out-of-class writing assignments be completed and passed with a "C" or better.

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## Foreign Language Proficiency

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Pursuant to s. 1007.262 F.S. and SBE Rule 6A-10.02412, first-time-in-college students entering an FSC institution in fall 2014 and thereafter, must demonstrate competency in a foreign language. Proficiency may be met through any of the following means:

1. Completion of two years of high school instruction in the same foreign language
2. Completion of a college-level course at the Elementary-2 level (or higher) in a foreign language or in American Sign

- Language (e.g., [SPN 1121](#) Spanish 2, [FRE 1121](#) French 2, [ASL 1150](#) American Sign Language 2)
- Achievement of minimum scores on a foreign language proficiency exam,
  - Achievement of appropriate scores on nationally standardized examination programs in accordance with recommendations established by the statewide Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC), or
  - Documented completion of a high school diploma from a foreign country where the student studied in a language other than English.

- Students who earned a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam while in high school are exempt from the postsecondary civic literacy assessment requirement.
- If the exam being used as the basis of awarding credit is not listed in the rule (e.g., AICE and IB), the student will be considered as having met only the course requirement. These students will need to be assessed using the approved assessment Florida Civic Literacy Exam.

Visit the [Civic Literacy Graduation Requirement](#) webpage for more details on how to meet these requirements, including an FAQ, and how to schedule the Florida Civic Literacy Exam at an EFSC Assessment Center.

Beginning with the 2022-23 year:

To coincide with the new AS general education requirement of 5 core subject areas courses, a subsequent rule amendment is anticipated to add the civic literacy requirement as a condition of A.S. degree completion for students entering EFSC or any FCS institution in Fall 2022 and thereafter.

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## Demonstration of Competency in Civic Literacy

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Pursuant to Section 1007.25, F.S., and SBE Rule 6A-10.02413 and first-time-in-college students must demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options prior to the award of an associate in arts.

- Successfully passing [POS 2041](#) American National Government or [AMH 2020](#) US History Since 1877 (with a grade of "C" or higher)

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- AP Government and Politics: United States (Minimum Score 3)
- AP United States History (Minimum Score 4)
- CLEP. American Government (Minimum Score 50)

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a. Successfully passing [POS 2041](#) American National Government or [AMH 2020](#) US History Since 1877 (grade of "C" or higher) **AND** b. receiving a passing score (60%) on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)

Or by successfully passing a prescribed assessment:

- \*AP Government and Politics: United States (Minimum Score 3)
- \*AP United States History (Minimum Score 4)
- \*CLEP. American Government (Minimum Score 50)

\*receiving a passing score will satisfy both the FCLE and course requirements.

To promote Civic Literacy:

- The College will provide opportunities for students to engage synchronously in political discussions and civil debates with multiple points of view and to master the ability to synthesize information that informs civic decision making.

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## Academic Communities

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Academic Communities, also known as Meta-Majors, represent eight career pathways, identified by the State of Florida, as a way to group academic programs into clusters with related courses. Each Meta-Major Pathway has identified Gateway Courses in English and Mathematics – the first courses that provide transferable, college-level credit which allow students to progress in their program of study. When Florida Legislators created the Meta-Major concept, they also required that first-time-in college students meet with an advisor. While a student may not know exactly what he or she wants to major in, but has a general idea of the topic they want to study, the advisor can help the student choose the right classes for academic success. Advisors are available on all four Eastern Florida campuses to discuss Meta-Majors and Gateway Courses and to help the student review transfer institution requirements.

### Meta-Major Academic Pathways

- Arts, Humanities, Communication, and Design
- Business
- Education
- Health Sciences
- Industry/Manufacturing and Construction
- Public Safety
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services

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## Gateway Courses

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Each meta-major has defined "gateway" courses for English and mathematics as follows:

- English** – [ENC 1101](#) Composition 1 is the gateway English course for all meta-major academic pathways
- Math** – The gateway courses for each of the academic pathways is defined as follows:
- Arts, Humanities, Communication and Design** –

Code	Title	Credit Hours	
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3	Florida College System associate in arts students are required to identify the bachelor's degree program and college/university of interest by the time they earn 30 credit hours. A registration hold is placed on students who have not declared their intended major or transfer institution by the time they have earned 30 credit hours. The purpose of the 30-hour advising rule is to improve articulation and reduce excess credit hours.
or MGF 1106	Topics in Math		
or MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics		
or STA 2023	Statistics		

• **Business** – [MAC 1105](#) College Algebra, or [STA 2023](#) Statistics

• **Education** –

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3
or MGF 1106	Topics in Math	
or MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics	
or STA 2023	Statistics	

• **Health Sciences** –

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3
or MGF 1106	Topics in Math	
or MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics	
or STA 2023	Statistics	

• **Industry/Manufacturing and Construction** –

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3
or MGF 1106	Topics in Math	
or MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics	
or STA 2023	Statistics	

• **Public Safety** –

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3
or MGF 1106	Topics in Math	
or MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics	
or STA 2023	Statistics	

• **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics** – [MAC 1105](#) College Algebra

• **Social and Behavioral Science and Human Services** –

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3
or MGF 1106	Topics in Math	
or MGF 1107	Explorations in Mathematics	
or STA 2023	Statistics	

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## Grade Forgiveness/Repeating Courses

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A course repeated after the conferral of the A.A. degree at EFSC may not be used to forgive the equivalent course taken prior to the award of the degree.

Only courses designated as repeatable for credit may be retaken for credit to the maximum credit allowable. While honors courses may be used for grade forgiveness, the honors and regular versions of a course cannot both be taken for credit.

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## Diversity-Infused Courses

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Eastern Florida State College recognizes that learning communities are comprised of and enriched by people of many ethnicities and cultures. Promoting awareness, acceptance, and tolerance by studying diversity issues are goals of the general education curriculum at Eastern Florida State College. Designated in the course listings and descriptions are courses designed to explore the diverse backgrounds of individuals in one or more of the following areas: race/ethnicity, gender, social class/caste, religion, age, sexual orientation, and physical/mental ability.

Students are encouraged to broaden their knowledge of diversity by including a wide range of these courses in their chosen programs of study. Specific requirements depend on intended major at the university - see an advisor.

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## Excess Hours Advisory Statement

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Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, establishes an "excess hour" surcharge for a student seeking a baccalaureate degree at a state university. It is critical that students, including those entering Florida colleges, are aware of the potential for additional course fees. "Excess hours" are defined as hours that go beyond 120% of the hours required for a baccalaureate degree program. For example, if the length of the program is 120 credit hours, the student may be subject to an excess hour surcharge for any credits attempted beyond 144 credit hours (120% x 120).

All students whose educational plan may include earning a baccalaureate degree should make every effort to enroll in and successfully complete those courses that are required for their intended major on their first attempt. Florida college students intending to transfer to a state university should identify a major or "transfer program" early and be advised of admission requirements for that program, including the approved common prerequisites. Course withdrawals and/or repeats, as well as enrollment in courses nonessential to the intended major, may contribute to a potential excess hours surcharge.

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## 30-Hour Advising

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