

# INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts Degree field of study in Interdisciplinary Studies provides students with a broad-based education in “college basics” that promotes critical thinking skills and allows for an opportunity to make an informed choice in educational preferences.

The program offers transferable field of study selections in arts and humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, computer applications and mathematics. This field of study is an excellent transfer program that can be used towards the successful completion of a Baccalaureate Degree in any field.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Communication Skills - Effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
2. Critical Thinking Skills - Creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information.
3. Empirical & Quantitative Skills - Manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
4. Personal Responsibility - Ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.
5. Social Responsibility - Intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.
6. Teamwork - Ability to consider different points of view and work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.

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### Field of Study - 18 credit hours

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| Select a minimum of 18 hours of Field of Study courses <sup>1</sup> | 18 |
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### STC Core Curriculum - 42 credit hours

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| Complete 42 credit hours of required Core Curriculum <sup>2,3</sup> | 42 |
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| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> | <b>60</b> |
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<sup>1</sup> The Field of Study courses must be chosen from two (2) or more AA or AS field of study options. Substitutions to this degree plan will be accepted if the Transfer Institution accepts the substitution(s) as courses that will apply toward the baccalaureate degree the student intends to pursue.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to the courses in the Field of Study, the student is required to take 42 credit hours from the STC Core Curriculum. These courses must not duplicate courses taken to fulfill the field of study requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Students who select a 3 credit hour Mathematics course to fulfill the Mathematics component of the Core Curriculum must take 4 credit hours to complete the Component Area Option for the Core Curriculum.

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## Recommended Course Sequence

| Course  | Title   | Credit Hours |
|---|---|--------------|
| <b>First Year</b>   |   |              |
| <b>Fall</b>   |   |              |
| Component Area Option - Core Curriculum                   |   | 3            |
| HIST 1301<br>or HIST 2327                                 | United States History I<br>or Mexican-American<br>History I   | 3            |
| ENGL 1301   | Composition I   | 3            |
| Elective - Field of Study <sup>1</sup>                    |   | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                                       |   | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>   |   |              |
| HIST 1302<br>or HIST 2328                                 | United States History II<br>or Mexican-American<br>History II | 3            |
| ENGL 1302   | Composition II - Rhetoric                                     | 3            |
| GOVT 2305   | Federal Government  | 3            |
| Creative Arts Elective - Core Curriculum                  |   | 3            |
| Elective - Field of Study <sup>1</sup>                    |   | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                                       |   | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Summer</b>   |   |              |
| Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective - Core Curriculum |   | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                                       |   | <b>3</b>     |
| <b>Second Year</b>  |   |              |
| <b>Fall</b>   |   |              |
| Mathematics Elective - Core Curriculum                    |   | 3-4          |
| Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum     |   | 4            |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum |   | 3            |
| Elective - Field of Study <sup>1</sup>                    |   | 3            |
| Component Area Option - Core Curriculum (if required)     |   | 1            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                                       |   | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>   |   |              |
| GOVT 2306   | Texas Government  | 3            |
| Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum     |   | 4            |
| Elective - Field of Study <sup>1</sup>                    |   | 3            |
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| <b>Credit Hours</b>                                       |   | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                                 |   | <b>60</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Courses to be chosen from Field of Study