

Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts degree provides a greater concentration on social sciences and humanities. It also provides a foundation if you intend to continue your education at a baccalaureate degree granting college or university by offering Liberal Arts courses equal to those found in the first two years of a four-year degree.

By completing this degree, you have the benefit of a degree-to-degree transfer, where universities grant junior status and automatically waive specific lower division requirements, such as general degree requirements, regardless of individual courses taken at Nicolet. If you do not intend to pursue a bachelor's degree, the Associate of Arts signify achievement of diverse skills and knowledge that are valued in today's work environments.

Program Outline

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
2089010100	Foundations of University Learning	1.00
2080121900	English Composition I Develops expository writing and critical thinking skills, including clarity, concision, concreteness, and completeness of expression, supported by reasoning, organization, and language conventions. Lecture.	3.00
2080122300	English Composition II Advances composition skills, emphasizing well-reasoned argumentative research papers. Lecture. Credits: 3. Prerequisite(s): 2080121900 English Composition I (D- or better) or 1080119500 Written Communication (B or better).	3.00
2081020100	Fundamentals of Speech Examines theory and process of communication, the role of speech in self- development, the art of persuasion, topic selection, the use of research-based evidence, and audience analysis. Includes organizing speech content, speech delivery, and critique via presentation of informative and persuasive speeches and development of effective extemporaneous speaking style. Students gain self-confidence, proficiency, and poise.	3.00
N/A	Humanities Must include two courses in disciplines of art (visual arts, music, or film) and literature with additional credits coming from these or world language, history, writing, philosophy, ethics, or Indigenous culture. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	12.00
N/A	Social Sciences Must include a course in history with additional credits coming from social and behavioral science disciplines of geography, education, economics, anthropology, sociology, diversity studies, or psychology. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	12.00
N/A	Mathematics & Natural Science Must include mathematics at the level of Statistics, Quantitative Reasoning, Elementary Math Education or higher AND 7 credits of Natural Science (one lab course required) chosen from biology, chemistry, geography (selected courses), geology, and physics. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	10.00
N/A	Health/Wellness/Physical Education	1.00
N/A	Diversity/Ethnic Studies	0.00

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	Courses that meet this requirement may also count toward Humanities or Social Science. These credits are not in addition to the 60 credits required for the degree. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	
N/A	World Language May be met with one year high school, with a grade of "C" or better, or one semester in college. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	4.00
N/A	Electives Select any college transfer courses beyond the minimum requirements. One credit of health and PE beyond the Health/Wellness/PE credit may be selected. May be 16 credits if students satisfy the world language requirement with one year of high school (C or better).	11.00

Total Credits: 60.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

How You'll Learn

Summer 2026 Start Date

May 18 - Summer Term Start
June 15 - Additional Term Start for Select Courses

Fall 2026 Start Dates

August 31 - 16-Week Fall Term Start
October 26 - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

Spring 2027 Start Dates

January 11 - 16-Week Spring Term Start
March 15 - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

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Explore a Pre-Major

Pre-majors are Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree program plans designed for students to earn credits at Nicolet College that count toward a specific bachelor's degree major upon transfer to a four-year university. Start your university major right here at Nicolet College, all while being offered our brand of individualized attention and cost savings.

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- [Chemistry Pre-Major](#)
- [Elementary Education Pre-Major](#)
- [Engineering Pre-Major](#)
- [Mathematics Pre-Major](#)
- [Natural Resources Pre-Major](#)
- [Physics Pre-Major](#)
- [Psychology Pre-Major](#)

Program Tuition*

\$12,240

Books & Supplies*

\$3,308

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

Financial Aid Eligible

► [Potential Indirect Costs](#)

What You'll Learn

- Apply forms of effective communication in various contexts
- Demonstrate quantitative reasoning
- Demonstrate critical and/or creative thinking
- Apply scientific methods
- Demonstrate cultural awareness
- Apply ethics to individual, social, environmental, and informational contexts

Possible Bachelor's Degree Majors

- Business (management, marketing, human resources, accounting, finance, economics)
- Communication (English, journalism, mass media)
- Education (early childhood, elementary, secondary, physical)
- Fine Arts (art, music, theatre)

- History
- International Studies
- Literature
- Public Relations
- Social Sciences (psychology, sociology, social work, geography, geology, political science)

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Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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