

# AGS – ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES 2020-2021 Credential Year

<b>Schoolcraft Degree and Program Code</b>	<b>AGS–ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES</b> # AGS.00042 <b>Option 1</b>	<b>AGS–ASSOCIATE IN GENERAL STUDIES</b> <b>Option 2</b>
<b>Description</b>	The associate in general studies degree (AGS) is for students who wish to earn an associate degree and want to transfer to a college or university through an occupational or individualized program of study.	
<b>Degree Focus</b>	Occupational or Transfer: Completion of a broad set of liberal arts courses in the English, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences areas, as well as any distribution of occupational or applied areas of studies. This may include completion of a set of occupational courses that satisfy the development of occupational skills.  Some liberal arts courses cannot be used to satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). Please see your advisor or review the MTA course list on schoolcraft.edu/transfer and select “Michigan Transfer Agreement”.	
<b>English Communication</b>	Minimum 6 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of two English communication courses within a set of courses. ENG 101 <sub>M</sub> and ENG 102 <sub>M</sub> * or ENG 102 <sub>M</sub> and ENG 221 <sub>M</sub> * or ENG 102 <sub>M</sub> and COMA 103 <sub>M</sub> +* or ENG 221 <sub>M</sub> and COMA 103 <sub>M</sub> +* OR ENG 100 and ENG 106 or ENG 100 and ENG 116 or ENG 101 <sub>M</sub> and ENG 106 or ENG 101 <sub>M</sub> and ENG 107 or ENG 101 <sub>M</sub> and ENG 116	
<b>General Liberal Arts Concentrations</b>		Completion of any two of the following sets of either humanities, mathematics and natural science or social science course concentrations for a combined total of 24 credit hours, as well as coursework from every area to fulfill the Schoolcraft College General Education requirements:
<b>Humanities<sup>+</sup></b>	Minimum 4 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of two humanities courses.  Art, Communication Arts, English (Literature), Foreign Language, History <sup>+</sup> , Humanities, Music, Philosophy or Theatre	Minimum 12 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of three humanities courses.  Art, Communication Arts, English (Literature), Foreign Language, History <sup>+</sup> , Humanities, Music, Philosophy or Theatre  NOTE: One humanities course must be selected to meet the Schoolcraft College General Education requirements regardless of general liberal arts concentration selected.

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<b>Mathematics</b>	Minimum 3 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of one mathematics course.	Minimum 12 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of one mathematics course. Completion of a minimum of two natural science courses.
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	Minimum 7 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of two natural science courses. Biology, Chemistry, Geography+, Geology, Nutrition and Food Science or Physics	Biology, Chemistry, Geography+, Geology, Nutrition and Food Science or Physics  NOTE: One course in math and one in science must be selected to meet the Schoolcraft College General Education requirements regardless of general liberal arts concentration selected.
<b>Social Sciences+</b>	Minimum 6 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of two social science courses. Anthropology, Economics, Geography+, History+, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology	Minimum 12 credit hours. Completion of a minimum of three social science courses.  Anthropology, Economics, Geography+, History+, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology  NOTE: One social science course must be selected to meet the Schoolcraft College General Education requirements regardless of general liberal arts concentration selected.
<b>Major Area of Study</b>	Minimum 34 credit hours in any group of courses which are specific or supportive of the occupational and academic goals.	Minimum 30 credit hours in any group of courses which are specific or supportive of the occupational and academic goals.
<b>General Electives</b>		
<b>Course Level</b>	All courses that apply to this degree must be at the 100-through 400-level with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.	
<b>Credit Requirement</b>	Minimum 60 credit hours.	
<b>Institutional Requirements</b>	Completion of all Schoolcraft College Core Abilities and a minimum of 16 credit hours associate-level Schoolcraft College General Education requirements in English, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences. The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) may be used to fulfill the Schoolcraft College general education requirements.	
	PLEASE NOTE: Students may not use the same History course to satisfy both the humanities and social sciences distribution requirement. Additionally, students may not use <a href="#">COMA 103M+*</a> to satisfy both the humanities and English communications distribution requirement.  Only certain Geography courses can be used for a natural science or social science course.	

<b>Types of Courses</b>	<p>There are two primary types of courses that may be used towards fulfilling credentials<sup>c</sup> such as certificate, associate, or bachelor degrees at Schoolcraft College (SC). The nature, goals, and use of each course determines the type of course and how it applies toward each credential at Schoolcraft College or at other transfer institutions. The two types of courses include occupational and liberal arts courses.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Occupational Courses – Occupational courses have a direct career relationship and focus on developing necessary knowledge and skills to enter the work force within the chosen field of study-e.g., <b>ACCT 103</b>, <b>EMT 115</b>, <b>MFG 211</b>, <b>WELD 120</b>. Courses may or may not transfer to another institution and are written in bold font. No SC occupational course may be used toward SC General Education (SCGE) or to meet the requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)<sup>^</sup><sup>†</sup>.</li> <li>2. Liberal Arts Courses – Liberal Arts courses provide general knowledge and theory in the arts, language and communication, humanities, natural sciences, math and social sciences areas. Liberal Arts courses may fall into three categories:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Applied Liberal Arts – courses that are focused on building particular skills through the practice and application of talents or concepts-e.g., <i>ART 248</i>, <i>ENG 205</i>, <i>CAB 100</i>, <i>THEA 204</i>, <i>MUSIC 114</i>, <i>COLLS 105</i>. Applied Liberal Arts courses typically do not transfer to other institutions and are written in italicized font. A subset of these courses may be used toward meeting the requirements for SCGE.</li> <li>b. Liberal Arts used for Schoolcraft College General Education (SCGE) – courses that are theory-based or application-based which offer a wide distribution of experiences to students across multiple disciplines- e.g., ENG 100, PSYCH 153<sub>M</sub>, HIST 138<sub>M</sub><sup>+</sup>, MATH 106. These courses may or may not transfer to another institution. The Liberal Arts courses that do not transfer are typically applied in nature and are written in plain text-e.g., MATH 106. The Liberal Arts courses that are intended to transfer are typically theory-based and are denoted with a subscript <sub>M</sub>-e.g., PSYCH 153<sub>M</sub> – see category C.</li> <li>c. Liberal Arts Courses used for Transfer – courses which are theory-based and offer a wide distribution of experiences to students across multiple disciplines-e.g., PSYCH 153<sub>M</sub>, BIOL 101<sub>M</sub><sup>L</sup>, ECON 201<sub>M</sub>, ART 120<sub>M</sub>, MATH 111<sub>M</sub>. These courses are a sub-set of the Liberal Arts used for SCGE which meet both SCGE and the requirements for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). The MTA identified courses are intended to meet the general education requirements at transfer institutions and are denoted with a subscript <sub>M</sub>-e.g., MATH 111<sub>M</sub>. Information about the MTA requirements may be found at <a href="https://www.macrao.org/">https://www.macrao.org/</a>.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><sup>c</sup> = Credentials – a documentation of satisfactory completion of courses that result in a nationally recognized acknowledgement of learning and skills. Schoolcraft College offers skills certificate, certificate, associate and bachelor degree credentials.</p> <p><sup>^</sup> = Courses used for SCGE and MTA – a list of specific disciplines and course numbers within a distribution area that meet the requirements for Schoolcraft General Education (SCGE) and the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) may be found here: <a href="http://www.schoolcraft.edu/catalog">http://www.schoolcraft.edu/catalog</a>.</p> <p><sup>†</sup> = Transferability of courses should be discussed with an academic advisor and may be dependent on the receiving institution.</p>
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<b>Key</b>	<p>Plain text = Liberal Arts courses used to satisfy Schoolcraft College General Education (SCGE) requirements.</p> <p><sub>M</sub> = Liberal Arts courses used to satisfy SCGE requirements and the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements.</p> <p>* = Only these courses or combination of courses may be used to satisfy the final requirement for MTA English Communications.</p> <p><sup>L</sup> = Lab Science</p> <p>+ = Students may not use the same History course to satisfy both the humanities and social sciences or COMA 103<sub>M</sub><sup>+</sup> to satisfy both humanities and English communications. Only certain Geography courses can be used for a natural science or social science course.</p> <p><i>Italicized text</i> = Applied Liberal Arts courses that do not qualify to meet SCGE requirements or MTA requirements (Courses may or may not transfer to another institution.)</p> <p><b>BOLD</b> = Occupational Courses have a direct career relationship, and focus on developing necessary knowledge and skills to enter the work force within the chosen field of study. (Courses may or may not transfer to another institution. No SC occupational courses may be used toward SC General Education or to meet the requirements for MTA.)</p> <p>Liberal Arts courses will typically transfer to another institution. They provide general knowledge and theory in the arts, language and communication, humanities, natural sciences, math and social sciences.</p>
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