

**Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCCD)  
2020-2021 Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AAEE) Degree**

**Description**

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AAEE) degree requires a minimum of 60 semester credits for the program of study. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 and grades of “C” or higher are required to earn the degree. The AAEE degree is governed by the [MCCCD General Academic Policies for Transfer Degrees](#).

The Associate in Arts, Elementary Education degree includes the following components:

- I. Required Courses
- II. Restricted Electives
- III. Arizona General Education Curriculum for Arts (AGEC-A)
- IV. MCCCD Additional Requirements (Oral Communication and Critical Reading)

**Purpose of the Degree**

The Associate in Arts, Elementary Education (AAEE) degree is designed for the student who plans to transfer to an Elementary Education, Early Childhood, Multicultural/Multilingual, or Special Education program at an Arizona public higher education institution and/or who plans to become a classroom instructional aide. Generally, the degree transfers as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities, and in most cases, its required courses apply to graduation requirements for these Education majors.

**Degree Requirements**

The requirements for the Associate in Arts in Elementary Education follow. The following websites identify the courses that apply to the different General Education Core and Awareness Areas: AGEC-A and the AGEC matrix. Courses available for both Areas during a current or upcoming semester can also be found using the “Find a Class” tool on maricopa.edu and on each MCCCD college’s website.

<u><b>Requirements</b></u>	<u><b>Credits</b></u>
<b>I. Required Courses</b> .....	<b>17</b>
EDU221 Introduction to Education.....	(3)
EDU222 Introduction to the Exceptional Learner.....	(3)
EDU230 Cultural Diversity in Education.....	(3)
MAT256 Investigating Quantity: Number, Operations, and Numeration Systems.....	(4)
MAT257 Investigating Geometry, Probability, and Statistics.....	(4)
<b>II. Restricted Electives</b> .....	<b>8</b>
A total of 8 semester credits is required to satisfy the Electives for Arizona Professional Teacher Standards: 3 credits in an additional Education course and 5 credits in Content Area Electives, as outlined below.	
Courses must transfer to all public Arizona universities as elective credit, departmental elective, or equivalent to a university course as indicated in the Arizona Course Equivalency Guide in effect when the course is taken. Courses identified as non-transferable in the Arizona Course Equivalency Guide cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.	
Select one additional EDU course (other than EDU221, EDU222, EDU230 or EDU250).....	(3)
Recommended:	
EDU110 Education in Film	
EDU220 Introduction to Serving English Language Learners (ELL)	
EDU236 Classroom Relationships	
EDU/HUM/STO292 The Art of Storytelling	

\*FYC may be met with fewer than 6 credits if student has transfer credit from ASU, NAU or UAZ for a single course that meets FYC in full.

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Choose any combination from the following list of courses and prefixes to total 5 credits of additional coursework. Course(s) selected must be different from those used to fulfill a requirement of the AGEC-A or to fulfill an Education Foundations requirement.

(5)

Content Area Electives: Select 5 credits from the following:.....

- AAA/CPD115 Creating College Success
- ARH+++ Any ARH Art Humanities course(s)
- ART+++ Any ART Art course(s)
- CFS/ECH176 Child Development
- CFS205 Human Development
- CIS+++ Any CIS Computer Information Systems course(s)
- ECN+++ Any ECN Economics course(s)
- BPC+++ Any BPC Business-Personal Computers course(s)
- EED215 Early Learning: Health, Safety, Nutrition and Fitness
- EDU+++ Any EDU Education course(s) (except EDU221, EDU222, EDU230, and EDU250)
- ENG+++ Any ENG English course(s)
- ENH+++ Any ENH English Humanities course(s)
- GCU+++ Any GCU Cultural Geography course(s)
- GPH+++ Any GPH Physical Geography course(s)
- HIS+++ Any HIS History course(s)
- MAT+++ Any MAT Mathematics course(s) 140 or higher (except MAT256 and MAT257)
- MHL+++ Any MHL Music: History/Literature course(s)
- MTC+++ Any MTC Music: Theory/Composition course(s)
- POS+++ Any POS Political Science course(s)
- THE+++ Any THE Theatre course(s)
- THF+++ Any THF Theatre and Film course(s)
- THP+++ Any THP Theatre Performance/Production course(s)
- Any Foreign Language course(s)
- Any Natural Science course(s)

**III. Arizona General Education Curriculum--Arts (AGEC-A)..... 32-44\***

The AGEC-A requires a minimum of 35 credits (32 if FYC is met by single transfer course)\*, however, prerequisite/required/restricted elective courses may also meet AGEC-A requirements and credits count once toward the total for the degree. Therefore, the AGEC-A may be met with fewer than 35 credits (fewer than 32 if FYC is met by single transfer course)\* as long as all requirements listed in this section (III) are completed.

A. Core Areas:

Some courses may be met by Required Courses or Restricted Electives. Some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations and can be used to satisfy [C], [G] and/or [H] requirement(s) as well as their respective Core Area, Required Course(s) or Restricted Elective(s). AGEC designations are subject to change. Courses may meet more than one requirement but are only counted once toward the total credits for the degree. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.

1. First-Year Composition [FYC]..... **6\***
  - ENG101 OR ENG107..... (3)\*
  - AND ENG102 OR ENG108..... (3)\*
2. Literacy and Critical Inquiry [L]- COM225 Public Speaking..... **3**
3. Mathematical Applications [MA]..... **3-6**
  - Requires a course in college mathematics (MAT140, MAT141, MAT142, MAT145, MAT146) or college algebra (MAT150, MAT151, MAT152, MAT155, MAT156) or pre calculus (MAT187) or any other [MA] designated

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course for which college algebra is a pre-requisite.

(Note that MAT256, MAT257, MAT182, and MAT206 are excluded)

4. Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications [CS]..... 3  
 BPC110 Computer Usage and Applications OR  
 CIS105 Survey of Computer Information Systems
5. Humanities, Arts and Design [HU]..... 6  
 Note that some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations (see section 2 below) and can be used to satisfy [G] and/or [H] requirement as well as [HU]. (AGEC designations are subject to change. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)
- 1) Select one of the following ARH, DAH, MHL or THE courses:..... (3)  
 ARH100 Introduction to Art OR  
 ARH101 Prehistoric through Gothic Art OR  
 ARH102 Renaissance through Contemporary Art OR  
 DAH100 Introduction to Dance OR  
 DAH201 World Dance Studies OR  
 DAH250 Dance in Popular Culture OR  
 MHL140 Survey of Music History OR  
 MHL145 American Jazz and Popular Music OR  
 MHL146 Survey of Broadway Musicals OR  
 MHL153 Rock Music and Culture OR  
 THE111 Introduction to Theatre OR  
 THE220 Modern Drama
- AND
- 2) Select one of the following EDU, ENH or HUM courses:..... (3)  
 EDU/ENH291 Children's Literature (Recommended) OR  
 ENH110 Introduction to Literature OR  
 ENH241 American Literature Before 1860 OR  
 ENH242 American Literature After 1860 OR  
 HUM250 Ideas and Values in the Humanities OR  
 HUM251 Ideas and Values in the Humanities
6. Social-Behavioral Sciences [SB]..... 6  
 Note that some of these courses also have Awareness Areas designations (see section 2 below) and can be used to satisfy [G] and/or [H] requirement as well as [SB]. (AGEC designations are subject to change. See [AGEC matrix](#) for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)
- 1) Select one of the following US History/Government courses\*..... (3)  
 These courses satisfy the United States Constitution requirement for state teacher certification.  
 HIS103 United States History to 1865 OR  
 POS110 American National Government OR  
 GCU/POS113 United States and Arizona Social Studies
- AND
- 2) Select one of the following CFS, ECH, GCU, ECN, HIS or PSY courses... (3)  
 CFS205 Human Development OR  
 ECH/CFS176 Child Development OR  
 GCU121 World Geography I: Eastern Hemisphere OR  
 GCU122 World Geography II: Western Hemisphere OR  
 ECN211 Macroeconomic Principles OR  
 ECN212 Microeconomic Principles OR  
 HIS104 United States History 1865 to Present OR  
 PSY101 Introduction to Psychology

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7. Natural Sciences [SQ/SG].....	<b>8</b>
The lecture courses selected for Natural Sciences must include or be accompanied by the corresponding laboratory course for a total of 4 credits each. At least four (4) credits must be designated as SQ. Eight (8) credits of SG will not satisfy this requirement.	
1) Life Sciences: Select four (4) credits of SQ or SG in Biology (BIO).....	(4)
AND	
2) Physical Sciences or Earth/Space Sciences: Select four (4) credits of SQ or SG from one of the following prefixes:.....	(4)
AGS, ASM, AST, CHM, GPH, GLG, PHS, or PHY	
Note: Students are advised to check with the university they plan to attend as specific requirements for lab sciences may vary.	
B. Awareness Areas.....	<b>0-3</b>
1. Cultural Diversity in the United States [C].....	(0)
Met by EDU222 and EDU230 in Required Courses.	
2. Global Awareness [G] OR Historical Awareness [H].....	(0-3)
May be met by [HU] and/or [SB] course depending on specific courses selected. (AGEC designations are subject to change. See <a href="#">AGEC matrix</a> for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.)	
<b>IV. MCCCD Additional Requirements.....</b>	<b>0-3</b>
As noted below, courses in this area may also be applied toward AGECA Core Area requirements.	
A. Oral Communication.....	(0)
Met by COM225 in Required Courses.	
B. Critical Reading.....	(0-3)
Students may demonstrate proficiency through assessment. CRE101 [L] Critical Reading OR equivalent as indicated by assessment	
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>60-68**</b>

\*NOTE: State certification requirements include courses on the constitutions of US and Arizona. Taking GCU/POS113 for [SB] fulfills this requirement completely. Students who instead take HIS103 or POS110 for [SB] should consider taking POS221 as a Content Area Elective so they have completed study of both constitutions. POS220 meets state certification requirements for both constitutions but does not meet [SB].

\*\*64 semester credits is the maximum accepted toward most degree programs at Arizona's public universities. Some exceptions apply; consult with an academic advisor for additional transfer pathways.

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