

Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)
Associate in Business, General Requirements (ABUS-GR) Degree
2026-2027

Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Business General Requirements (ABUS-GR) degree requires a minimum of 60 semester credits and a maximum of 64 semester credits for the program of study. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (4.0 scale) and grades of C or better are required in all courses to earn the degree. The Associate in Business-General Requirements degree is governed by the MCCCD General Academic Policies for Transfer Degrees.

This degree provides the first two years of a four-year curriculum for students who wish to transfer to a university and pursue a bachelor's degree in business. For a comprehensive list of bachelor's degrees at Arizona's public universities, refer to the AZTransfer Business Matrix. With a bachelor's degree, students may pursue a number of careers, including but not limited to accountancy, business administration, business data analytics, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, management, retail management, and supply chain management.

The Associate in Business-General Requirements degree includes the following components:

- I. General Education
- II. Plan Course Requirements
- III. MCCCD Requirements
- IV. Plan Course Electives
- V. General Electives (if needed to reach minimum credits for degree)

Purpose of the Degree

The Associate in Business General Requirements (ABUS-GR) degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. In general, the

components of this degree meet requirements for the various business majors (except Computer Information Systems) at Arizona's public universities. Computer Information Systems majors should follow the Associate in Business Special Requirements (ABUS-SR) pathway instead. Generally, the ABUS-GR degree transfers as a block without loss of credit to Arizona's public universities and other institutions with district-wide articulation agreements. It does not, however, guarantee acceptance into particular university majors/programs with a limited number of students. Students should consult with their transfer institution for any specific admission requirements (e.g., GPA, letters of reference, work experience)

Degree Requirements

The courses required for the Associate in Business General Requirements follow. The AGECEC Matrix identifies the courses that apply to the General Education areas.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit may be applied toward Plan Course Prerequisites, General Education, Plan Course Requirements, Plan Course Electives, and General Electives that count toward the student's elected degree. Some restrictions may apply depending on the specific program of study (see [Credit For Prior Learning Administrative Regulation 2.2.4](#)).

I. General Education _____ Minimum 35 Credits

The AGECEC requires a minimum of 35 credits (or 32 credits overall if a student transfers in a single course from an Arizona public university that fulfills the **Written Communication [WCM]** requirement in full).

A single course can simultaneously count between the AGECEC and the Plan Course Requirements, MCCCDC Requirements, and Plan Course Electives, but its credits are only counted once toward the total for the degree.

Per AZTransfer Policy 103: AGECEC Transfer Institutions and 104: Transferability of the AGECEC Courses Between Community Colleges: The certified (i.e., completed and documented on the transcript) AGECEC is transferable from any Arizona public community or tribal college to ASU, NAU, and UA as well as to any other Arizona

public community or tribal college. Arizona public community and tribal colleges will accept AGEC coursework from any other Arizona public community or tribal college. AGEC requirements will be accepted and applied as defined by the source institution.

In some cases, a specific degree or emphasis may require the student to select particular courses, rather than select freely from the list of approved AGEC courses. A course that is specified within the AGEC is considered a Plan Course Requirement for the purposes of degree completion. Students who transfer to MCCCDC with a certified AGEC from another public Arizona community or tribal college or have already received an AGEC from within MCCCDC will need to meet all courses specified within the AGEC for their emphasis pathway.

Courses with different credit systems (quarter hours, trimester, units) are converted to semester credit hours as outlined in MCCCDC Administrative Regulation 2.2.4. A deficiency in an AGEC category due to quarter-hour or other credit system application must be recovered by additional credits within any requirement area of the AGEC as applicable to a total of 35 AGEC credits overall (or 32 credits overall if a student transfers in a single course from an Arizona public university that fulfills the Written Communication [WCM] requirement).

In cases where students have a certified AGEC from another public Arizona community or tribal college with fewer than 35 credits, credits must be recovered within any requirement area of the degree to meet the minimum credits to graduate. Students who have received a certified AGEC, independently or within another degree, before Fall 2026 from MCCCDC or another Arizona public institution will not need to complete **Oral Communication [OCM]** or **Institutions in the Americas [IAM]** designations, and credits must be recovered within any requirement area of the degree to meet the minimum credits to graduate. AGEC designations are subject to change. See AGEC matrix for each course's value(s) in the semester it is taken.

The minimum **Quantitative Reasoning [QNR]** and **Natural Science [NSI]** requirements for the awarding of the AGEC, when not specified by the degree

requirements, may be fulfilled with any course(s) that meet the designation. Students are urged to refer to university requirements and academic advisors from both institutions to be certain that all their selected coursework is applicable to the requirements of their intended transfer degree and will not require additional general education coursework to be fulfilled upon transfer.

A. Written Communication [WCM]_____6 Credits

- ENG101 or ENG107 AND
- ENG102 or ENG108

Note: The 6-credit requirement may be met with fewer credits if a student has transfer credit from ASU, NAU or UA for a single course that meets [WCM] in full.

B. Oral Communication [OCM]_____3 Credits

- Some degrees or emphasis require specific [OCM] courses
- Refer to Current Programs to search for specified [OCM] requirements by degree or emphasis

C. Quantitative Reasoning [QNR]_____3 Credits

- Brief Calculus (MAT212 or MAT213)
- Higher mathematical level [QNR]-approved General Education course with a MAT prefix.
- The minimum Quantitative Reasoning [QNR] requirement for graduation defaults to the lowest base-level math, as identified above

D. Arts and Humanities [AHM]_____6 Credits

- Some degrees or emphasis require specific [AHM] courses
- Refer to Current Programs to search for specified Arts [AHM] requirements by degree or emphasis.
- Students are encouraged to choose course work from more than one discipline

E. Social and Behavioral Sciences [SCB]_____ 6 Credits

- ECN211 Macroeconomic Principles AND
- ECN212 Microeconomic Principles

F. Institutions in the Americas [IAM]_____ 3 Credits

- Some degrees or emphasis may require specific [IAM] courses
- Refer to [Current Programs](#) to search for specified [IAM] requirements by degree or emphasis

G. Natural Sciences [NSI]_____ 8 Credits

- The lecture courses selected for Natural Sciences [NSI] must include or be accompanied by the corresponding laboratory courses
- Credits for lecture and lab components may be combined or each may carry separate credit

II. Plan Course Requirements_____ Minimum 18 Credits

Accounting_____ (6-9) Credits

ACC111 Accounting Principles AND
ACC230 Uses of Accounting Information I AND
ACC240 Uses of Accounting Information II

OR

ACC211 Financial Accounting AND
ACC212 Managerial Accounting

OR

ACC111 Accounting Principles I AND
ACC112 Accounting Principles II AND
ACC212 Managerial Accounting

CIS105 Survey of Computer Information Systems_____ (3) Credits

GBS205 Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues in Business____ (3) Credits

GBS221 Business Statistics_____ (3) Credits

Quantitative Methods_____ (3-4) Credits

Note: Students planning to transfer to the following should take

GBS220

- ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business BA Program or
- University of Arizona or
- NAU-Yuma's Bachelor of Business Administration Program

Note: Students planning to transfer to the following should take

MAT217 or MAT218

- ASU W.P. Carey School of Business BS program

III. MCCCDC Requirements_____ Minimum 1 Credit

- Students must complete
FYE101 (1 Credit): Introduction to College, Career, and Personal Success OR
FYE103 (3 Credits): Exploration to College, Career, and Personal Success
- See Administrative Regulation: For more details, see the General Graduation Requirements [Administrative Regulation 2.3.9](#)

IV. Plan Course Electives_____ Minimum 6 Credits

Complete **six (6) credits** from the following options.

CIS114DE Excel Spreadsheet_____ (3) Credits

CIS133DA Internet/Web Development Level I_____ (3) Credits

CIS162AD C#: Level I_____ (3) Credits

GBS110 Human Relations in Business and Industry OR

MGT251 Human Relations in Business_____ (3) Credits

GBS151 Introduction to Business (Recommended)	(3) Credits
GBS220 Quantitative Methods in Business	(3) Credits
GBS233 Business Communication	(3) Credits
IBS101 Introduction to International Business	(3) Credits
MGT253 Owning and Operating a Small Business	(3) Credits
MKT271 Principles of Marketing	(3) Credits
PAD100 21st Century Public Policy and Service	(3) Credits
REA179 Real Estate Principles I	(3) Credits
REA180 Real Estate Principles II	(3) Credits
REA201 Real Estate Principles I and II	(6) Credits
SBU200 Society and Business	(3) Credits

V. General Electives

Select courses 100-level or higher if needed to complete a minimum of 60 semester credits but no more than a total of 64 semester credits, which is the maximum number of credits accepted toward most degree programs at Arizona's public universities. Ideally, students should select courses that meet requirements for their major/area of interest and transfer institution. See General Associate Degree Academic Policies for further details, limitations, and guidelines. MCCCDC has established recommended courses and sequencing for the various associate's degrees.

Maricopa courses and external courses evaluated as Maricopa equivalents, departmental electives (e.g., HIS ELC for a history elective), or general electives (GEN ELC) that are numbered 100 level or higher, and completed with a grade of "C" or better, may be applied in the elective area, regardless of potential transferability to other institutions. It is recommended, however, that students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting institution meet these general elective requirements with courses that are transferable and applicable to their intended university degree.

Students transferring to ASU to major in business should complete courses from the following list (up to the 64 credit transfer maximum) to meet W.P. Carey School of Business requirements. If students do not take these prior to transfer, they may need to take additional credits to meet ASU graduation requirements:

- **Any course that transfers to ASU in the SOC** prefix and carries the [SCB] designation
- **Any course that transfers to ASU in the PSY** prefix and carries the [SCB] designation

Transfer advisement information is accessible at [AZTransfer, Program \(Degree\) Search](#), as well as those of individual universities. For appropriate course selection, students should consult with an academic advisor.

Total _____ **60-64 Credits**

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 information.