

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

Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Associate in Business, Special Requirements (ABUS-SR) 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-Special 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 pursue Computer Information Systems majors at Arizona’s public universities. With a bachelor’s degree, students may pursue a number of careers, including but not limited to accountancy, business administration, business data analytics, computer information systems, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, marketing, management, retail management, and supply chain management.

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

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

Purpose of the Degree

The Associate in Business Special Requirements (ABUS-SR) 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 Computer Information Systems majors at Arizona’s public universities. Other Business majors should follow the Associate in Business General Requirements (ABUS-GR) pathway instead. Generally,

the ABUS-SR 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 Special Requirements follow. The AGEC Matrix identifies the courses that apply to the General Education areas.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit may be applied toward plan 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 AGEC requires a minimum of 35 credits (32 if **Written Communication [WCM]** is met by a single transfer course).

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

Per AZTransfer Policy 103: AGEC Transfer Institutions and 104: Transferability of the AGEC Courses Between Community Colleges: The certified (i.e., completed and documented on the transcript) AGEC 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 full).

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 24 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

CIS162AD C#: Level 1_____ (3) Credits

CIS250 Management of 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 University of Arizona should take **GBS220**

Note: Students planning to transfer to the ASU W.P. Carey School of Business BS program should take **MAT217 or MAT218**

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. 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., HISELC for a history elective), or general electives (GENELC) 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.

Transfer advisement information is accessible at [AZTtransfer](#), [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.