

Focus Areas for the Associate in Arts

Description

Students have two options in earning an AA or AS degree. They may decide on a degree in general pre-baccalaureate studies, which allows a wide choice of courses and an opportunity to explore many subject areas, or they may decide on a Focus Area, which allows them to explore one field of study in more depth. A Focus Area is not a major or a minor but is a concentration of related courses. Focus Area requirements are 12-21 hours with at least one 200-level course or one course with appropriate prerequisites. If students plan to transfer after earning their AA or AS degrees, they may fulfill a number of their pre-major requirements by choosing a Focus Area. Obtaining a Focus Area, however, does not mean that a student has fulfilled all pre-major requirements for a four-year degree at the University of Kentucky or elsewhere.

African American Studies – minimum 12 hours

ENG 264, HIS 260, HIS 261; choose one from ANT 160, ENG 231 with subtitle “African American Literature,” HIS 254

Anthropology – minimum 12 hours

ANT 220, ANT 230, ANT 240, and one additional 200-level anthropology course

Communication – minimum 15 hours

COM 101, STA 200; choose one from COM 181, COM 252, COM 281, COM 287; choose an additional six hours from CIT 105, COM 181, COM 252, COM 281, COM 287, ENG 203, JOU 101, JOU 204, PS 101, PS 235, PS 271, PSY 100 or PY 110

Criminal Justice – minimum 21 hours

CJ 101; three additional courses in criminal justice with at least one at the 200 level; one course in each of the following: political science, psychology, and sociology

English – minimum 15 hours

ENG 230; choose one from ENG 231, ENG 232, ENG 233, ENG 234; choose one from HUM 135 or ENG 264; one additional literature course, one additional writing course

Family Studies – minimum 12 hours

FAM 252; choose three from EDP 202*, EDP 203*, FAM 253, FAM 254/PSY 223, FAM 255

*for those interested in a teaching career

Geography – minimum 12 hours

GEO 130, GEO 172, GEO 152 or GEO 160, any 200-level geography course

History – minimum 15 hours

HIS 108, HIS 109, HIS 104, HIS 105, one 200-level history course

Journalism - minimum 12 hours: JOU 101, JOU 204; choose an additional six hours from COM 249, PS 101, PS 235

Peace and Justice Studies – minimum 16 hours

HUM 121, PHI 130, EX 196; choose one from ANT 160, GEO 160; choose two from ANT 220, ENG 232 with subtitle “Peace Literature,” ENG 264, GEO 260, HUM 135, PS 212, PS 235, SOC 235, WS 201

Philosophy – minimum 12 hours

PHI 100, PHI 120, PHI 130, ANT 130

Political Science – minimum 12 hours

PS 101, PS 235, PS 271, one additional political science course

Pre-Business – minimum 21 hours

ACC 201, ACC 202, CIT 105 or IMD 100, ECO 201, ECO 202, ENG 203, MA 123 or MA 162 or STA 291

Psychology – minimum 17 hours

PSY 100 or PY 110, PSY 215, PSY 216, PSY 223; choose one from PY 230, PY 297, PY 298

Social Work – minimum 21 hours

SW 124, SW 222, and one course in each of the following: anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, and sociology

Sociology – minimum 12 hours

SOC 101, two additional sociology courses, and one 200-level course in the social/behavioral sciences

Women’s Studies – minimum 15 hours

WS 200 and WS 201, and choose three courses from ENG 234, HIS 265, GEO 240, FAM 253