



Liberal Arts - Associate of Arts (20-800-1) Effective 2024/2025

Program Description

The Liberal Arts - Associate of Arts degree (AA) prepares students with the necessary academic and practical skills to complete a program of general education study and successfully transfer to a four-year college/university or to the workforce. The Associate of Arts requires coursework to prepare students to enter into many different areas of study, emphasizing humanities and social sciences.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Interface with diverse audiences in the target language using effective speaking, writing, listening, and nonverbal skills.
2. Incorporate critical analysis, logic, and rational thinking to solve problems, develop well-reasoned arguments, and make decisions.
3. Integrate an awareness of the social, political, economic, interdisciplinary, and multicultural nature of knowledge in diverse cultures.
4. Develop self-awareness and self-management skills necessary to succeed in academic and professional endeavors.
5. Combine effective teamwork and collaborative methods to achieve shared goals.
6. Integrate knowledge of current technologies.

Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- Communication Competence
- Professionalism and Career Management
- Cultural Competence
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Technology Competence

Admission Requirements

1. Students must submit an application and pay \$30 fee.
2. Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.

Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- *Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
- Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success (G2S) in the first semester.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or [Graduation Requirements](#).

Program Offerings

A student may start this degree program in the fall, spring, or summer semester. In order to graduate, students must complete the required number of credits in each stated category. Although there are a variety of course options which fulfill the credit requirements in each category, including daytime, evening, and online offerings, some of these course options are confined to specific campuses, times of day, or semesters. Travel between campuses may be required for select courses.

Notes

1. Students who wish to take a course at UW-Parkside and apply it towards their degree requirements need to apply to UW-Parkside as a non-degree seeking student using the [UW System Application](#). UW-Parkside tuition and fee rates will apply.
2. Students planning to transfer to UW-Parkside upon completion of this degree should complete the Guaranteed Transfer form prior to completing 30 program credits at Gateway.
3. For guaranteed admission to UW-Parkside upon completion of this degree, students must complete the program with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA. Some academic programs may require a higher GPA for specific courses in the major. Students should consult with the UW-Parkside college advisor for their intended major.
4. Some courses offered in this program may be required to be completed online live via a video conferencing platform (set day and set time each week) or may be required to be completed online asynchronously (no set day or time each week) or completed hybrid (combination of in-person and online each week).
5. Students planning on transferring this degree to another institution are strongly encouraged to reach out to their transfer institution to confirm which Gateway Technical College courses will transfer most appropriately into their intended major of study.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. Occasionally, the District may offer a particular course out of published sequence. By doing so, the District does not obligate itself to offer succeeding courses out of published sequence.

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*The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here.
Taking courses in the order shown will help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan.
Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.).*

Full-Time Pathway to Success

Term	Suggested Sequencing
1	📍 Gateway to Success (G2S) – 1 credit
1	*801-136 English Composition – 3 credits
1	*809-172 Introduction to Diversity – 3 credits
1	*Humanities – take 3 credits
1	*Social Science – take 3 credits
2	*Communications – take 3 credits
2	*804-135 Quantitative Reasoning – 3 credits
2	*Social Science – take 3 credits
2	*Elective – take 3 credits
3	*World Languages – take 4 credits
3	*Speech – take 3 credits
3	*Health/Wellness – take 1 credit
3	*Elective – take 3 credits
4	*Social Science – take 3 credits
4	*Natural Science – take 4 credits
4	*Humanities – take 3 credits
4	*Elective – take 3 credits
5	*Natural Science – take 3-4 credits
5	*Humanities – take 3 credits
5	*Social Science – take 3 credits
5	*Elective – take 3 credits

Part-Time Pathway to Success

Term	Suggested Sequencing
1	📍 Gateway to Success (G2S) – 1 credit
1	*801-136 English Composition – 3 credits
1	*809-172 Introduction to Diversity – 3 credits
2	*Communications – take 3 credits
2	*804-135 Quantitative Reasoning – 3 credits
3	*Natural Science – take 4 credits
3	*Speech – take 3 credits
4	*Social Science – take 3 credits
4	*Elective- take 3 credits
4	*Health/Wellness – take 1 credit
5	*Natural Science – take 3-4 credits
5	*Social Science – take 3 credits
6	*World Languages – take 4 credits
6	*Elective – take 3 credits
7	*Humanities – take 3 credits
7	*Elective – take 3 credits
7	*Social Science – take 3 credits
8	*Social Science – take 3 credits
8	*Humanities – take 3 credits
9	*Humanities – take 3 credits
9	*Elective – take 3 credits

Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 60

NOTE: Visit www.gtc.edu/la-arts for additional course information. See an advisor for more details.

📍 Mastery of this course will put students on a path to achieve successful degree completion, on-time graduation, and enrich the college experience. Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.
(*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses to meet graduation requirements.