

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, (BS) DEGREE

Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) 2025-2026

Description

The Maricopa County Community College District Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree requires a minimum of 120 semester credits for the program of study; minimum total credits vary by specific major. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu (<https://curriculum.maricopa.edu/>) for credit minimums for individual degree programs. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 and course grades of C or higher are required to earn the degree.

The Bachelor of Arts degree includes the following components:

1. Program Prerequisites (if applicable)
2. Required Courses
3. Restricted Electives
4. Arizona General Education Curriculum for Arts (AGEC-A)
5. MCCCD Additional Requirements (Oral Communication)
6. General Electives (if needed to reach minimum credits for degree)

Purpose of the Degree

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree is an undergraduate college degree that requires students to complete a core of general education courses and then focus remaining coursework on a core and electives in a major such as fine arts and humanities, business, or education. The Bachelor of Arts degree prepares students to continue their education at the graduate level, complete requirements for disciplinary certification, and/or pursue a wide variety of careers.

Degree Requirements

The requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) follow. No versions of the Bachelor of Arts require fewer than a minimum of 120 credits; however, minimum credits for a BA may vary by specific major. Additionally, a minimum of 30 credits of coursework must be completed at the upper-division (300/400 level). Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu (<https://curriculum.maricopa.edu/>) for credit minimums by major. Industry-recognized credentials can be counted as general electives.

The following websites identify the courses that apply to the different General Education Core and Awareness Areas: AGEC-A (<https://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/agec.woa/2/wo/qEBwEeu9k5ESxdFSGt3Jxw/5.0.105.5/>) and the AGEC matrix (<http://aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/agec.woa/3/wa/agecMatrixReport/?inst=001075>) at aztransmac2.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/agec.woa/3/wa/agecMatrixReport/?inst=001075) Courses available for both Areas during a current or upcoming semester can also be found using the "Find a Class (<https://classes.sis.maricopa.edu/>)" tool on [maricopa.edu](https://www.maricopa.edu/) (<https://www.maricopa.edu/>) and on each MCCCD college's website.

I. Program Prerequisites - Credits: Number Varies

Program prerequisites for the Bachelor of Arts degree vary by major. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu (<https://curriculum.maricopa.edu/>) for specific courses and credit minimums by major.

II. Required Courses - Credits: Number Varies

All new to Maricopa students who declare a degree, or intend to transfer to a college/university, will be required to successfully complete a first-year experience course (FYE101 or FYE103) within the first two semesters at a MCCCD college.

Students who have enrolled at MCCCD but have not earned any credits are considered new students. This category includes those who have only completed a Prior Learning Assessment (refer to A.R. 2.2.4 Transfer Credit and Prior Learning Assessment (<https://district.maricopa.edu/administrative-regulations/2-students/2-2/#224-Transfer-Credit-and-Prior-Learning-Assessment>)), participated in Dual Enrollment, or withdrawn from all courses previously attempted at MCCCD. When selecting courses, please choose those that are required for your specific major. For detailed information on specific courses and the minimum credit requirements for each major, refer to the Program (Degree) Search available at curriculum.maricopa.edu (<https://curriculum.maricopa.edu/>).

III. Restricted Electives - Credits: Number Varies

Restricted electives for the Bachelor of Arts degree vary by specific major. Refer to the Program (Degree) Search at curriculum.maricopa.edu (<https://curriculum.maricopa.edu/>) for specific courses and credit minimums by major.