

# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

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The Associate of Arts degree contains a balanced program of liberal arts education without orientation to a particular major. Requirements for the degree (60 semester credit hours in total) include 40 semester credits of general education courses and 20 semester credits of elective courses. These requirements can usually be met in two years of full-time study.

## Program Outcomes:

Upon completion of the Associate Degree programs at Bethel students will:

1. Communicate effectively using written, oral and technological methods of communication.
2. Articulate an ethical response to issues using a personal worldview.
3. Apply problem solving across disciplines through critical thinking, quantitative and qualitative skills.
4. Describe ways humans address their condition through imaginative work (art, literature, media, etc).
5. Illustrate aspects of personal and professional wellbeing (spiritual, physical, emotional, cognitive, relational, and meaning).
6. Analyze aspects of the world through a Christian worldview.

## Admission Requirements

The A.A. degree program will consider applicants who:

- Meet the general requirements (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/admission/general-requirements-admission-caps/>) for admission to the College of Adult & Professional Studies.
- Have an evaluation completed to determine how outstanding course requirements or needed credits, if any, will be fulfilled.

Students who have not achieved the minimum GPA, grade standards, or other assessment criteria may still apply to be considered for provisional acceptance. See *Admission Categories*.

## Degree Requirements

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General Education requirements for the A.A. degree. (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/general-education-requirements-associate-arts-degree/>)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General Education (See below for more details)</b>		<b>Credits</b>
Goal Area 1: including an Academic Research Writing course		8
Goal Area 2		4
Goal Area 3		8
Goal Area 4		3-4
Goal Area 5		8

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Goal Area 6	8
<b>General Education Total</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>20-21</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>60</b>

A list of the courses which fulfill each Goal Area is available on the CAPS Courses by Goal Area page. (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/adult-professional-studies/academic-information/general-education/caps-courses-by-goal-area/>)