

Basic Requirements for the Associate of Arts Degree (36 cr.)

An associate of arts degree in CLAS at IUSB comprises two parts:

<u>PART ONE:</u>	Campus & College requirements (I & II) together encourage breadth of general knowledge and skills.
<u>PART TWO:</u>	A Concentration encourages deep and coherent knowledge and skills development in a particular field of study within the College.

PART ONE makes up the College's Liberal Education Requirements for the AA, summarized below. For information on PART TWO, concentration area requirements for the AA, please refer to the relevant department or interdisciplinary program section of this Bulletin.

No course may be used to meet more than one PART ONE requirement. No more than one, three-credit hour course used to meet Concentration requirements may also be used to meet a PART ONE requirements.

A candidate for an Associates degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 60 credit hours.

(All courses listed below are 3 cr. hrs. unless otherwise designated.)

PART ONE

I. Fundamental Literacies

<i>Campus-wide General Education Requirements</i>	
A. Writing	
B. Critical Thinking	
C. Oral Communication	
E. Quantitative Reasoning	
F. Information Literacy	(1 cr. hr.)
G. Computer Literacy	
<i>Additional CLAS Liberal Education Requirements</i>	
I. World Languages	(6 cr. hrs.)

AA students in CLAS should develop the fundamental intellectual skills to prepare them for life-long learning inside and outside the Academy. Students may test out of the general education requirements **I. E** (Quantitative Reasoning) and **I. G** (Computer Literacy), by passing appropriate proficiency tests.

The study of languages other than English is essential to understand and appreciate our global community. In recognition of this fact, CLAS requires that its AA Majors attain a novice-high level proficiency in a second language. This requirement can be met in one of three ways:

- i) Successful completion of two, three credit hour language classes in a single world language other than English. The number of years of high school language instruction typically determines the student's choice of which semester to enroll in. (0-1 years = 101; 2 years = 102; 3 years = 203).

ii) Successful completion of a 300- or 400-level course in which the primary instruction is in a language other than English.

iii) Formal training, as evidenced by secondary or university diplomas, in a language other than English.

World Languages Placement Examination: The department of World Language Studies (WLS) offers a placement exam: 1) to determine which semester a student should enroll in; and 2) to qualify students for credit by examination. Students may earn up to six credits for testing out of any two of these language classes (101, 102, 203, or 204). For more details, please see the Department of WLS homepage.

II. Core Courses

<i>Campus-wide General Education Requirements</i>	
	B. Human Behavior & Social Institutions
	C. Literary & Intellectual Traditions
	D. Art, Aesthetics & Creativity
<i>Additional CLAS Liberal Education Requirements</i>	
	E. Natural Science course
	F. Natural Science Lab (2 cr. hrs.) (<i>E and F can also be satisfied by a single 5 cr. hr. integrated lecture/lab course.</i>)

AA students in CLAS should have some knowledge of the traditional disciplines (sciences, social sciences, humanities, arts) and the productive relations between them.

To understand the basis of science, AA students in CLAS are required to take a course in the Natural Sciences which is linked to or integrated with a science laboratory course. The lecture course may be an N-190 or N- 390 Core Course in The Natural World, provided that it is linked to or integrated with a lab. This requirement may also be met with an integrated lecture/lab course that carries 5 credit hours. (Natural Sciences = anatomy, astronomy, biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, microbiology, physics, physiology, plant science, zoology.)

In planning their course of study for the AA, students who intend to go on to a bachelor's degree at IUSB should consider that one 300-level Core Course is required for that degree.

PART TWO: Required Concentration (15-18 cr. hrs.)

AA students in CLAS must gain depth of knowledge in some discipline or interdisciplinary program. For AA Concentration requirements, see the specific departmental or interdisciplinary program section in this Campus Bulletin. AA students should meet regularly with an advisor in department or program offering the AA concentration.