



Associate Degree

Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (AAIDS)

• CIP 30000 • 60 credits

Program Description

The Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies is a 60-credit fully online program that integrates critical inquiry, multiple perspectives, ethical awareness of socio-cultural power structures, and metacognition in order to prepare students for a variety of careers or further study. The curriculum emphasizes a practical approach, with courses that build academic skills and broad-based knowledge across the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Upon completion, students will be able to employ multiple disciplines to deepen their understanding of the world and their capacity to explain, problem-solve, and create. The program is very flexible, supporting each student's interests with a wide selection of courses and professional concentrations, and provides a direct pathway to continue on to the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Program Outcomes

- Generate ideas and questions through critical inquiry and from multiple perspectives
- Apply two or more disciplinary-based perspectives to contemporary concerns
- Assess ethical issues in socio-cultural power-structures
- Direct own learning using metacognitive strategies

Instructional Delivery

The AAIDS is an online program. Courses are eight weeks in length, and there are six sessions each year. The AAIDS is offered in a 100% asynchronous online format, and there is a strong focus on engaging students in a dynamic and interactive online learning format.

Given that CCG students are primarily working adults, the average program completion is three (3) years, four (4) months (part-time; 20 eight-week sessions), or one (1) year, four (4) months (full-time; 10 eight-week sessions).

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AAIDS General Education 21 credits

English 6

ENG 101W English I

ENG 201W English II

Critical Thinking and Literacy 6

INF 101W Information Literacy for College Success
(Required first course at CCG)

PHI 101W Critical Thinking

Social Science 3

Choose one:

ECO 101W Economics and Society

PSY 250W Psychology

POL 250W Political Science

SOC 250W Sociology

Mathematics* 3

Choose one:

MAT 101W* Essentials of College Mathematics

MAT 103W Business Math

MAT 205W College Algebra

Natural & Physical Science 3

SCI 281W Environmental Science

*Students may elect to take a Math placement exam instead of MAT 101W. Students should contact their advisor for assistance with scheduling the placement exam prior to enrolling in any MAT courses.

Core Liberal Arts Curriculum 15 credits

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See *Interdisciplinary Studies Courses* on page 101.

Select 4 courses from CCG course offerings with at least 1 course (3 credits) in each of the following General Education topics:

Art, Literature & History 3

Philosophy & Religious Studies 3

Sociology & Psychology 3

Natural & Physical Sciences 3

Open Electives 24 credits

Choose elective courses and/or concentrations to support your academic interests and professional goals.

(All courses @ 3 credits except as noted.)