Associate in Applied Science
Degree
(A.A.S.)

Degree Requirements
(Total Minimum Credits Required: 64)

Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall:

1. Select courses to complete the required credits from:
   a. General education core requirement courses,
   b. Coursework in the Global/ Multicultural Studies or
      Contemporary Life Skills category
   c. Specific program Career/Technical Education required
      courses, and
   d. Additional coursework if necessary
      to a minimum of 64 credits, but due to external licensure
      and certification, programs may require more than 64
      credits. A list of Applied Science degree options can be
      found in the Associate in Applied Science Degrees and
      Certificates section of the Catalog.

2. Satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General
   Education courses as specified below.

   a. Communication............................................. 6 credits
      Written (6 credits) English 1101 or 1105
      Oral (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150

   b. Physical and Life Sciences ...................... 3 to 5 credits
      Select at least one course with a laboratory component.

   c. Mathematics ............................................. 3 to 5 credits
      Select a minimum of 3 credits (of 1000 level or above). Select
      Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the
      degree program. Only one of the following three statistics
      courses will count toward overall degree requirement credit:
      Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only
      one of the following courses may count toward overall degree
      credit: Mathematics 1428 or 1431.

   d. Humanities and Fine Arts......................... 3 credits

   e. Social and Behavioral Sciences ................. 3 credits

3. Global/Multicultural Studies or
   Contemporary Life Skills......................... 2 credits
   Complete at least two credits from the Global/Multicultural
   Studies or Contemporary Life Skills category.

4. The minimum number of program-specific credits required
   for an A.A.S. degree varies with each program, but must total
   at least 20 credits.

5. Satisfy graduation requirements for all associate’s degrees.

6. Earn no more than 16 credits in courses numbered 1800 or
   2800, 1840 or 2840, 1820 to 1829, and 2820 to 2829, or
   labeled as independent study, experimental/pilot, selected
   topics or field/experiential.

7. Earn no more than 4 credits in Physical Education activity
   courses.

8. Earn no more than 12 credits with a satisfactory/fail grade
   option.

9. Earn no more than 42 credits by demonstrated competence
    through the Advanced Placement Program (AP), designated
    course-specific subject examinations of the College Level
    Examination Program (CLEP), and the College of DuPage
    Proficiency Through an Instructor Program.