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Explanation of Programs

Atlanta Metropolitan State College offers three major types of programs of study: Baccalaureate, college transfer and certificate programs.

College Transfer Programs

Transfer programs are designed for students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges or universities upon the completion of two years of course work at the College. Transfer programs of study provide the freshman and sophomore years of academic course work required for a bachelor's degree. Transfer programs lead to the Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees. The area F component of transfer programs is designed to provide a required foundation of courses for successful work in a specific major once the student transfers to a baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

Core Curriculum

Common to transfer degree programs within the University System of Georgia is a core curriculum. It is designed to facilitate the educational progress of students as they pursue associate and baccalaureate degrees. The core curriculum is divided into areas A-F. Outlined below is the number of credit hours required for each area:

- (A) Essential Skills - 9 hours
- (B) Institutional Options - 4 hours
- (C) Humanities and Fine Arts - 6 hours
- (D) Science, Mathematics, and Technology - 11 hours
- (E) Social Science - 12 hours
- (F) Courses Related to the Program of Study - 18 hours

Areas A-E total forty-two (42) credit hours and represent the general education portion of the core. Area F varies with each program of study and is composed of eighteen (18) credit hours which support the student's chosen program of study. These courses are the prescribed freshman and sophomore requirements for the University System of Georgia baccalaureate (four-year) degrees.

The core curriculum ensures that an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree earned in a College transfer program at Atlanta Metropolitan State College will be accepted by a senior university as having met the requirements of the first two years of College.

Certificate Programs

Career programs are designed for students who wish to complete a College program which will prepare them to enter employment at a level of competence requiring more than high school education, but less than a four-year College or university degree. Students who complete a career program receive the Associate of Applied Science degree. The College also offers a few non-transferable Certificate preparation programs which provide career skills for entry into the workplace. Students in these programs earn certificates.

Bachelor's Degree Program

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biological Science is a four year research-based program that will prepare students to either enter the workforce with a bachelor's degree, or transfer to professional or graduate programs. It will prepare students for programs in: Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy School, as well as Graduate School in Cell or Molecular Biology. To become a major in the Bachelor of Science Biological Science program, all pre-requisite requirements must first be satisfied. Those students, who do not meet all requirements for entrance to the baccalaureate program, may be considered for the Associate of Science degree program, if they meet all of the program admissions requirements for the Associate Degree.

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Associate of Arts Degree

The Associate of Arts Degree is awarded to students completing program requirements in the following transfer programs:

- Art
- English
- Foreign Language
- General Studies
- Music
- Mass Communications
- Speech

Associate of Science Degree

The Associate of Science Degree is awarded to students completing program requirements in the following transfer programs:

African American Studies	Physics
Allied Health(Pre-Physical & Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Dental Hygiene)	Political Science
Biology	Pre-Engineering Technology
Business Administration	Pre-Engineering
Business Education	Pre-Medical Technology
Chemistry	Pre-Nursing
Computer Information Systems	Psychology
Computer Science	Recreation
Criminal Justice	Social Work
General Studies	*Sociology
Health Information Management	Teacher Education
Health and Physical Education	
History	
Music	
Mathematics	

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The Program of Study in which Area F requirements are completed is not inscribed on the diploma.

Bachelor of Science Degree

The Bachelor of Science Degree is awarded to students completing program requirements in the following program:

- Applied Mathematics
- Biological Science
- Criminal Justice

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- Automated Office Management
- Business Communications
- Business Management
- Business Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Information Technology
- The Law Enforcement Leadership Academy



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