ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (PRISON PROGRAM)

The Associate of Arts degree program offers credit-earning courses to currently incarcerated people and Department of Corrections employees at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Missouri, ultimately culminating in an Associate of Arts degree from Saint Louis University.

Curriculum Overview

Two cohorts of 20 students each take courses that operate on a nine-week term and are convened once per week for four hours at a time. Students take a total of five classes per year. To complete the total 61 credit hours required for the degree, each cohort remains in the program for approximately four years. All coursework in the degree program comes from the Saint Louis University College of Arts and Sciences core curriculum.

Careers

An Associate of Arts degree prepares students for a wide range of employment possibilities, and for further study.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to use research to sustain an argument and conduct analysis through an academic essay.
2. Graduates will be able to apply logical and analytical problem-solving through effective methods of inquiry.
3. Graduates will be able to utilize intentional reflection.
4. Graduates will be able to apply theories and/or practices of social justice and civic engagement in the Ignatius spirit.

Requirements

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Fine Arts

Select one course from the following: 3

- ART 2000  Drawing I
- FPA 1000  Intro to the Arts
- MUSC 1100  Music Fundamentals
- THR 1500  Introduction to Theatre

Literature

Select one 2000-level course from the following: 3

- ENGL 2350  Faith, Doubt and Literature
- ENGL 2450  Nature, Ecology & Literature
- ENGL 2650  Technology, Media & Literature

Select one 3000-level course from the following: 3

- ENGL 3050  Creative Writing: Poetry
- ENGL 3060  Creative Writing: Fiction
- ENGL 3280  America Literatures after 1865
- ENGL 3470  Introduction to Shakespeare

Natural Sciences

- BIOL 2010  Evolution for Non-majors 3

Select one course from the following:

- BIOL 1010  Essentials of Biology
- EAS 1070  Understanding the Weather
- EAS 1080  Introduction to Environmental Science
- PHYS 1010  Physics and the World Around Us

Mathematics

- MATH 1200  College Algebra (or higher numbered MATH course) 3

World History

Select one 2000-level course from the following: 3

- HIST 1110  Origins of the Modern World to 1500
- HIST 1120  Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present

Philosophy

- PHIL 1050  Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality 3
- PHIL 2050  Ethics 3
- PHIL 3300  Philosophy of the Human Person 3
  or PHIL 3360  Medical Ethics

Theology

- THEO 1000  Theological Foundations 3

Select one 2000-level course from the following: 3

- THEO 2110  Old Testament
- THEO 2210  New Testament
- THEO 2310  History of Christianity: The First 2000 Years
- THEO 2510  Christian Ethics
- THEO 2710  Religions of the World

Select one 3000-level course from the following: 3

- THEO 3900  Seeking God: A History
- ASTD 3500  Religion & American Culture

Social Sciences

- CMM 1200  Public Speaking 3

Select two courses from the following: 6

- ANTH 1200  Introduction to Anthropology
- CMM 1000  Human Communication and Culture
- CMM 2300  Intergroup Dialogue
- ECON 1900  Principles of Economics
- POLS 1000  Introduction to Politics
- POLS 1100  Introduction to American Government
- PSY 1010  General Psychology
- SOC 1100  Introduction to Sociology

Electives

Select one course from the following: 3

- ASTD 1000  Investigating America: An Introduction to American Studies
- ASTD 2600  American Places

Capstone

- AS 4960  Capstone 1

Total Credits

61

Transfer Credit Policy

1. Only college-level transfer courses with grade of “C” or above will be considered for acceptance and application toward a Saint Louis University degree.
2. The cumulative GPA for transfer courses is calculated on all grades from course work of all accredited colleges attended.

3. In the case of repeated transfer courses, grades will be calculated according to the policy of the institution from which the two courses were taken.

4. Only transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions will be considered for transfer to Saint Louis University.

5. The maximum number of transferable hours is 15 credits or 25% of the curriculum.

6. Developmental, secretarial, and highly technical courses of an applied nature may not transfer.

7. All potential transfer courses will be reviewed by the SLU Registrar, an Academic Advisor and/or the Academic Director and Director of the Prison Program.

**Academic Progress Policy and Academic Probation**

1. A.A. progression requirements are based on academic performance during each individual term in the A.A. program.

2. Any student with a term GPA falling below 2.00 will be placed on academic probation for TWO - THREE terms. The term GPA in the following term must be above the 2.00 criterion or the student will be discontinued from the program.

3. The Academic Program Director for the A.A. program will notify the student within seven business days of the posting of the final grades, for the term, regarding his or her placement on probation or discontinuation from the A.A. program. Students may be placed on academic probation no more than twice during the program of study. Students who fall into the academic probation range a third time will be dismissed from the program.

4. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of the GPA requirements and as such, know that s/he can be placed on probation or be discontinued from the program based on the GPA requirement. The Academic Program Director is available for consultation and assistance in all progression issues.

5. Please note that all A.A. courses are sequential and therefore every A.A. course must be passed with a "D" or better to progress into the next term. In unusual circumstances a student who fails to meet the minimum requirements may be permitted to continue with the permission of the Academic Program Director and by completing an "academic plan for continued enrollment."

6. Students may only ask for two leaves of absence during their undergraduate program.