UNIVERSITY STUDIES

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.)
Students must select an emphasis and may receive only one University Studies degree.

DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree in University Studies is a degree program designed for students who would like to earn an associate's degree while preparing to transfer to an accredited four-year university. Students planning to transfer are cautioned that this curriculum may not provide for completion of the lower division requirements for transfer to a four-year institution. See a counselor for specific transfer requirements.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. See GE Program Outcomes/Course Alignment Grid at **www.imperial.edu/faculty-and-staff/campus-committess/student-learning-outcomes/**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: **http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/**

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.org – CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: **www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/**

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Graduation Requirements – ALL OPTIONS**
   a. Complete all IVC Graduation and Institutional Requirements 3.0-6.0
2. **General Education (GE) – Select one pattern related to your educational goal:**
   All required courses must be completed with a grade of "C" of better.
   a. CSU GE-Breadth Pattern (39.0 units) 34.0-39.0
   b. IGETC Pattern (34.0-37.0 units)
3. **Minimum of eighteen (18.0) units in one selected Emphasis** **18.0**
   All required courses must be completed with a grade of "C" of better.
   a. Emphasis – Select one:
      1) Emphasis in Arts and Humanities
      2) Emphasis in Behavioral and Social Sciences
      3) Emphasis in Science and Mathematics
   b. Within the selected Emphasis:
      1) Select a minimum of two different subject areas.
      2) Complete a minimum of six (6.0) units in one subject area.
      3) Courses selected can be used to also fulfill GE areas.
4. **Electives**
   Enough elective units, if necessary, to total 60.0 degree applicable units required for this degree.

Emphasis in Arts and Humanities
Select a minimum of eighteen (18.0) units from the following Arts and Humanities courses. For depth, include a minimum of two courses from a single discipline; for breadth, include course from at least two disciplines. Courses can be counted toward completion of General Education requirements.

These courses emphasize the study of cultural, literary, humanistic activities and artistic expression of human beings. Students will evaluate and interpret the way in which people through the ages in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation. Students will also learn to value aesthetic understanding and incorporate these concepts when constructing value judgments.

This area of emphasis allows students to select courses that will prepare them for possible majors at four-year colleges and universities typically within the fields of Art History, Communication Studies, Language Studies, Literature, Humanities, Philosophy/Religious Studies and other disciplines.

AMSL	100, 102, 104, 200, 202, 204
ART	100, 102, 104, 106
ENGL	102, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 228, 250
FILM	230
FREN	100, 110, 201, 211
HIST	100, 101, 110, 111, 120, 121, 122, 130, 131, 132, 140, 150,160, 220, 222, 223, 225
HUM	100, 226, 262
JRN	100
LAS	130, 131, 132, 225
MUS	100, 102, 104, 200, 202
PHIL	100, 102, 104, 106
RELS	100, 104
SPAN	100, 110, 200, 210, 220, 221, 225, 262
SPCH	100, 110, 120, 130, 150, 180
THEA	100

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Emphasis in Behavioral and Social Science
Select a minimum of eighteen (18.0) units from the following Behavioral and Social Sciences courses. For depth, include a minimum of two courses from a single discipline; for breadth, include courses from at least two disciplines. Courses can be counted toward completed of General Education requirements.

These courses emphasize perspectives, concepts, theories and methodologies of the disciplines typically found in the vast variety of disciplines that comprise study in the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Students will learn about themselves and others as member of a larger society. Topics and discussions to stimulate critical thinking about ways people have acted in response to their societies allow students to evaluate how societies and social subgroups operate.

This area of emphasis allows students to select courses that will prepare them for possible major at four-year colleges and universities typically within the fields of History, Ethnic Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and other related disciplines.

AJ	100, 102, 106, 224
ADS	120, 150
AIS	106, 108
AMSL	110
ANTH	102, 106, 108, 120
CDEV	103, 104
ECON	101, 102
GEOG	102, 108
HIST	100, 101, 110, 111, 120, 121, 122, 130, 131, 132, 140, 150, 160, 220, 222, 223, 225
LAS	130, 131, 132, 225
POLS	100, 102, 104, 106
PSY	101, 104, 120, 142, 144, 146, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 212
SW	220
SOC	101, 102, 110, 150, 206, 224

Emphasis in Science and Mathematics
Select a minimum of eighteen (18.0) units from the following Science and Mathematics courses. **Required, one mathematics course above the level of intermediate algebra**. For depth, include a minimum of two courses from a single discipline; for breadth, include courses from at least two disciplines. Courses can be counted toward completed of General Education requirements.

These courses emphasize the natural sciences which examine the physical universe, its life forms and its natural phenomena. Courses in Math emphasize the development of mathematical and quantitative reasoning skills beyond the level intermediate algebra. Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the methodologies of science as investigative tools. Students will also examine the influence that the acquisition of scientific knowledge has on the development of the world's civilizations.

This area of emphasis allows students to select courses that will prepare them for possible majors at four-year colleges and universities typically within the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science (Geography and/or Geology), Environmental Science, Education, Engineering, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Nursing, Physical Science and other related disciplines.

AG	110, 120, 140, 170
ASTR	100
BIOL	100, 120, 122, 140, 150, 180, 182, 200, 202, 204, 206, 220
CHEM	100, 160, 200, 202
CIS	101, 202, 208, 210
CS	210, 220, 230, 280
ENGR	210, 212, 240
ENVS	110
GEOG	100
GEOL	100, 110
MATH	110, 112, 119, 122, 140, 150, 170, 190,192, 194, 210, 220, 230, 240
PHSC	110
PHYS	200, 202, 204

IVC Graduation and Institutional Requirements	3.0-6.0
CSU-GE or IGETC Pattern	34.0-39.0
Total Emphasis Units	18.0
Electives (as needed to reach 60.0 degree applicable units)	____
Total Maximum Units:	**60.0**

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