

# BUILD YOUR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

*Earn Your Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree Online*



## ASSOCIATE DEGREE OVERVIEW

60-credit degree program

Earn a degree that provides a path for advancement while completing courses that form the foundation of bachelor's degrees. The 100% online University of Wisconsin Associate of Arts and Sciences program is a convenient way for you to reach your educational goals.

As a degree-seeking student, you can earn a broad liberal arts degree that satisfies the general education requirements at UW System schools and many other four-year institutions.

Complete the courses your degree program requires, in a convenient format while working toward your bachelor's degree or supplement your coursework by taking general education courses to finish your degree in less time.

Discover where a UW Associate of Arts and Sciences degree can take you.

## A UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EDUCATION



### Stand Out With a Respected University of Wisconsin Degree

Where you earn your degree matters. University of Wisconsin institutions are among the most recognized and respected in the country. Upon graduation, you will receive your Associate of Arts and Sciences from one of five Universities of Wisconsin campuses: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Parkside, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point, or UW-Whitewater. Your degree and transcripts will be the same to those earned by on-campus students



### Learn from Expert UW Faculty

All UW associate degree courses are developed and taught by expert faculty from across the Universities of Wisconsin. These are the same faculty teaching these general education courses to students on campus.



### Enjoy a Flexible and Supportive Education

As a UW Associate Arts and Sciences student, you are supported by a Success Coach—your point person for the program. Faculty are also just a message away. Students often say the online format is a natural fit and a big factor in their ability to earn a degree while balancing work and family responsibilities.



### Complete Your General Education Courses

The degree program is designed to meet the general education requirements for UW System and at many other four-year institutions. Additionally, this broad liberal arts curriculum will not only prepare you to earn your bachelor's degree, but it can also help you complete courses required for admittance to programs or supplement your studies at on-campus programs.

# CURRICULUM

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The UW AAS curriculum is designed and taught by the same UW faculty who teach on campus and will provide you with the ability to think critically across various disciplines. Complete 60 credits for an associate degree, take courses required for a program, or complete courses while pursuing your degree on campus. **Courses fall into the following areas:**

➤ **Knowledge of Human Cultures (12 credits)**

Students will engage with and analyze human interaction and culture, social organization and institutions, historical contexts, and/or complex interdependent systems.

➤ **Knowledge of the Natural World (12 credits)**

Students will be able to describe and evaluate existing knowledge of the natural world; interpret, analyze and communicate data, results, and conclusions; and apply concepts across disciplines.

➤ **Critical and Creative Thinking (3 credits)**

Students will investigate problems; execute analytical, practical, or creative tasks; and combine or synthesize existing ideas, images, or expertise in original ways.

➤ **Effective Communication (6 credits)**

Students will use effective reading, listening, speaking, and/or writing skills for a variety of purposes and audiences; and use language effectively to construct scholarly, evidence-based arguments.

➤ **Intercultural Knowledge and Competence (3 credits)**

Students will develop cultural self-awareness in the context of diverse human cultures; and/or develop strategies for effectively and appropriately negotiating intercultural interactions.

➤ **Individual, Social, and Environmental Responsibility (6 credits)**

Students will describe and evaluate ethical, social, and/or environmental issues; and/or apply knowledge and skills for the purpose of civic engagement.

➤ **Electives (18 credits)**

These courses can be from any of the above categories.

View course descriptions online at [uwex.wisconsin.edu/aas](http://uwex.wisconsin.edu/aas)



## YOUR PATH TO CAREER ADVANCEMENT

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No matter your educational goal, this online UW associate degree program provides you a way to get there.

According to a special report issued by the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2017](#), earning an associate degree can provide a boost in salary and open up opportunities in management. Associate degree holders median weekly salary is 7.4 percent more than those with some college credit and 14.9 percent more than those with only a high school diploma. In addition, 38 percent of associate degree holders who are 25 years or older have jobs in management compared to 29 percent for those with some college credit. Only 16.2 percent of those with a high school diploma hold management positions.

Earning an associate degree online is also a convenient way to satisfy general education credits before transferring to a bachelor's degree program—online or on campus.

Transferability of the courses is an added benefit that helps students complete a prerequisite course before beginning another degree program or assists students in an on-campus program to take a course that supplements their studies to complete their degree faster.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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Admission requirements vary depending on your educational path. Students pursuing the associate degree are considered degree seeking students. All other students are considered special students, including those completing any other degree or certificate, taking a prerequisite course or supplementing on campus coursework to complete their degree quicker.

### Degree-seeking students

- ✓ High school diploma, GED or HSED
- ✓ ACT or SAT required for students under age 22
- ✓ Minimum 17 college prep credits. Thirteen of 17 must be distributed as follows:

*English*—4 credits

*Social Science* —3 credits

*Math*—3 credits (must include at least 1 credit of algebra and the equivalent of 1 credit geometry)

*Natural Science*—3 credits

Remaining 4 credits can be from above areas, foreign languages, fine arts, computer science or other academic areas

- ✓ Official high school and college transcripts, if applicable

### Special Students

- ✓ Students attending one of the UW System partner campuses (UW-Eau Claire, UW-Parkside, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point or UW-Whitewater) do not need to apply
- ✓ Submit the University of Wisconsin System online application as a special/non-degree seeking student
- ✓ No application fee or transcripts are required
- ✓ Students should verify with their academic advisor that courses will be accepted by their program or institution

### Tuition | \$320 per credit

The same flat-rate tuition is offered to both Wisconsin residents and students who live out of state. Financial aid and/or veteran's assistance may be available to you and is awarded by your home campus.

Textbooks and other course-required materials are purchased separately and are not included in tuition. Being an online program, there are **no additional course or program fees such as segregated or technology fees.**

## GET STARTED

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**Start any semester, spring, summer, or fall.**

The University of Wisconsin Associate of Arts and Sciences is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. For questions about the program please contact an enrollment adviser.

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