

Transfer Guide between Maricopa Community Colleges and Grand Canyon University



Associate in Arts – Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

General Education requirements, excluding University Foundations and Christian Worldview, will be considered fulfilled in the event a student has completed one of the following Associate degrees:

- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Associate in Business (ABUS)
- Associate General Education Curriculum (AGEC – A, B or S)

In the event a student has not earned one of the aforementioned Associate level degrees, all general education coursework will be required to complete GCU's Baccalaureate degree.

The following table outlines the requirements needed to receive an Associate in Arts from Maricopa Community Colleges. Within the tables below are preferred courses from Maricopa Community Colleges that are applicable towards Grand Canyon University's transfer-oriented Bachelor of Science degree programs.

Maricopa Community Colleges – Associate in Arts (AA)	Credits	Grand Canyon University – Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education	GCU Applied Semester Credits
General Education Requirements			
Effective Communication (9 - 12 Credits)			
ENG101: First-Year Composition OR ENG107: First-Year Composition for ESL	3	+ ENG-105: English Composition	3
ENG102: First Year Composition OR ENG108: First-Year Composition for ESL	3	ENG-106: English Composition II	3
Literacy & Critical Inquiry [L]	3	UNV-104: 21 st Century Skills: Communication and Information Literacy	3
Critical Thinking (11 – 12 Credits)			
MAT140/141/142/145/146: College Mathematics OR higher [MA] approved course	3 - 6	+ MAT-144: College Mathematics	3 - 6
Natural Sciences – Select one [SQ] course or one [SG] course with lab	4	PHI-105: 21 st Century Skills: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	4
Natural Sciences – Select one [SQ] course or one [SG] course with lab	4	BIO-220: Environmental Science	4
Global Awareness (6 - 8 Credits)			
Social and Behavioral Sciences [SB]	3	PSY-102: General Psychology	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences [SB]	3	SOC-100: Everyday Sociology	3
Additional Maricopa Requirements			
CRE101 or Equivalent as indicated by assessment	3	Elective Credit	3

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Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications [CS]	3	Elective Credit	3
Awareness Areas – Select one [C] course and one [G] or [H] course	6	Elective Credit	6
Humanities and Fine Arts [HU] – Select any two courses	6	Elective Credit	6
COM110: Interpersonal Communication	3	Elective Credit	3
General Electives	13	Select a minimum of 13 credits (to optimize transfer to GCU major, reference “Program Major” table for applicable coursework)	13
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education: Program Major Transferrable Courses			
EDU-274 Understanding Adolescent Behavior in the Classroom	3	ELM-200: Child and Early Adolescent Development and Psychology	3
EDU-222 Introduction to the Exceptional Learner	3	SPD-200: Survey of Special Education: Mild to Moderate Disabilities	3
EDU-236 Classroom Relationships	3	ELM-250: Creating and Managing Engaging Learning	3
EDU-228AC Reading and Decoding: Phonics Based	3	^ ELM-305: Foundational Literacy Skills and Phonics	3
EDU-230 Cultural Diversity in Education	3	^ EDU-330: Social Justice for Educators	3
HIS-103 United States History to 1865 and HIS-104 United States History 1865 to Present	6	HIS-144: U.S. History Themes	6
POS-221 Arizona Constitution	1	GOV-260: Arizona Constitution & Government	1
EDU-239: Structured English Immersion Grades K-8	3	^ ESL-440N: Methods of Structured English Immersion for Elementary Education	3
Credits completed at MCCCDC may exceed 60 if students choose to take all courses listed above.			
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Associate of Arts at MCCCDC			60 Credits

All students must meet 36 Upper Division credit requirement, as well as 30 GCU credits to meet residency requirement. Students must meet Upper Division credit requirement even if content of an Upper Division course requirement is met with a Lower Division course.

Symbol Key	
+	Symbol indicates the MCCCDC course must meet specific content requirements (or higher) in order to fulfill GCU’s course.
^	Symbol indicates the MCCCDC course meets the content requirement but does not fulfill GCU’s upper division requirements.

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Course #	Bachelor of Science	Semester Credits
Non-transferable GCU General Education: 8 Credits		
UNV-303	University Success	4
CWV-301	Christian Worldview	4
Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education: Program Major		
MAT-150	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	4
ELM-210	Instructional Planning and Assessments for Elementary Teacher Candidates	4
MAT-151	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	4
ELM-470	Methods and Strategies for Teaching Mathematics	4
ELM-357	Fostering Student Engagement	4
ELM-361	Instructional Methods and Strategies for Integrating Science and Health	4
ELM-351	Methods and Strategies for Integrating Social Studies and the Arts	4
ELM-480	Methods and Strategies for Teaching English Language Arts	4
ELM-490	Student Teaching for Elementary Education Teacher Candidates	8
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete an Associate in Arts – Maricopa Community Colleges		60 Credits
Credits Completed at Grand Canyon University		48 - 60 Credits
Credits completed at Grand Canyon University may fluctuate contingent upon coursework successfully completed at the transferring institution. Courses are not listed twice on the transfer guide, so any courses not completed at the transferring institution will still be required as part of the GCU program. Students are required to complete a minimum of 120 credits to earn the Bachelor of Science degree. If the student completes additional courses at the transferring institution, credits may not apply to their GCU program.		
Remaining open elective credits needed to earn Bachelor of Science degree at Grand Canyon University varies based on program major requirements.		
Total Credit Hours Needed to Complete Bachelor of Science in _____ at Grand Canyon University		120 Credits

For additional graduation requirements, please see the <https://www.gcu.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Academic-Catalog/University-Policy-Handbook.pdf>. Students with transfer credit that applies to this program will shorten the time to completion from that stated on this transfer guide. Please contact your Counselor for more information. <https://www.gcu.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Academic-Catalog/University-Policy-Handbook.pdf>

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