ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

College of Applied and Technical Studies
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About This Program

If you are seeking a flexible associate degree that puts you in the driver's seat, consider this option. With its broad curriculum encompassing various subject areas, it caters to those eager for knowledge in multiple fields. Whether one aims to explore their interests, pave the way towards a bachelor's degree or enhance career prospects, this degree provides the flexibility to specialize and fulfill individual educational aspirations. Read more...

Contact Information

- cats@kent.edu | 330-672-2864
- Speak with an Advisor
  - Ashtabula Campus
  - East Liverpool Campus
  - Geauga Campus
  - Salem Campus
  - Stark Campus
  - Trumbull Campus
  - Tuscarawas Campus
  - Twinsburg Academic Center
- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Ashtabula Campus
  - East Liverpool Campus
  - Geauga Campus
  - Salem Campus
  - Stark Campus
  - Trumbull Campus
  - Tuscarawas Campus
  - Twinsburg Academic Center
  - Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, and the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

Some programs may require that students meet certain requirements before progressing through the program. For programs with progression requirements, the information is shown on the Coursework tab.

For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
Electives Chosen in Students' Area of Interest		23
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts		9
Kent Core Social Sciences		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**60**

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
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Elective		3
Credit Hours		**16**
Semester Two		
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Electives		6
Credit Hours		**15**
Semester Three		
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Electives		6
Credit Hours		**15**
Semester Four		
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3

Electives		8
Credit Hours		**14**
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		**60**

University Requirements

All students in the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements, please see Program Requirements for details.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Flashes 101 (UC 10001)		1
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.		
Kent Core (see table below)		36-37
Total Credit Hour Requirement		60
Some associate degrees require students to complete more than 60 credit hours.		

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	**36-37**

Full Description

The Associate of Arts degree is a generalist program that serves many purposes. The degree serves students who want a broad education by sampling a variety of different subject areas, who are planning to complete a bachelor's degree program, or who want to advance their careers by holding a degree. Because of the general nature of the program, students may specialize in a particular field of study that will meet their specific educational needs.