



**METROPOLITAN**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



**EXPLORATORY**

# Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

## **Associate in Arts (A.A.)**

### **Exploratory – Part-Time Advising Guide**

MCC's Associate in Arts degree provides a well-rounded education foundation that prepares students to select appropriate majors/career paths, helps them transfer and successfully enter baccalaureate degrees. This program allows students flexibility to explore and/or change career paths while completing a broad, interdisciplinary experience that focuses on critical thinking, information and quantitative literacy, communication, and cultural and social awareness.

The Exploratory Pathway offers many "elective" choices. Electives are courses that count toward the credits for graduation but are not requirements for a particular degree of study.

|                               | Course  | Degree Requirements Met      | Credits     | Action Steps   |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Semester 1</b>             |   |                              |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | CSIS 115_ Computer Concepts and Applications  | Elective                     | 3           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan</li> <li>▪ Apply to program</li> </ul>                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | COLL 100, GUID 108, or GUID 109   | Elective                     | 2-3         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | HIST 133 or HIST 134  | Humanities & Fine Arts       | 3           |  |
| <b>Total Semester Credits</b> |   |                              | <b>7-9*</b> |  |
| <b>▪ Semester 2</b>           |   |                              |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | ENGL 101_ Composition & Reading I   | Written Communication        | 3           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | MATH 115_ Statistics or higher  | Mathematical Sciences        | 3-5         |  |
| <b>Total Semester Credits</b> |   |                              | <b>6-8*</b> |  |
| <b>▪ Semester 3</b>           |   |                              |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | ENGL 102_ Composition & Reading II  | Written Communication        | 3           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor</li> <li>▪ Complete <a href="#">Civics Exam</a> with 70% or higher</li> </ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | HIST 120, HIST 121, or POLS 136   | Civic/American Institutions  | 3           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | LIBR 100_ Introduction to Library & Online Research   | Elective                     | 1-3         |  |
| <b>Total Semester Credits</b> |   |                              | <b>7-9</b>  |  |
| <b>▪ Semester 4</b>           |   |                              |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | Social & Behavioral Sciences Options List   | Social & Behavioral Sciences | 3-4         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | Any Elective 100 or higher  | Elective                     | 3-5         |  |
| <b>Total Semester Credits</b> |   |                              | <b>6-9*</b> |  |
| <b>▪ Semester 5</b>           |   |                              |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | Student Success or Career Exploration Options List: GUID 108, GUID 109, GUID 112, GUID 152, GUID 199, or BUSN 190 | Elective                     | 1-3         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | Natural Sciences Options without lab  | Natural Sciences             | 3-5         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | COMM 100 or 102   | Communications               | 3           |  |
| <b>Total Semester Credits</b> |   |                              | <b>7-11</b> |  |
| <b>▪ Semester 6</b>           |   |                              |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | Humanities & Fine Arts Options List   | Humanities & Fine Arts       | 3-5         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor</li> </ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>      | Global Perspective Elective   | Elective                     | 3           |  |



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| <b>Total Semester Credits</b>   |   |                             |  | <b>6-8</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research/contact <a href="#">transfer institutions</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Semester 7</b>   |   |                             |  |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Natural Sciences with Lab   | Natural Sciences            |  | 3-5         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with Student Success Advisor</li> <li>Apply for admission at transfer institution</li> <li>Apply for scholarships at transfer institution</li> </ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Social & Behavioral Science Options List                              | Social & Behavioral Science |  | 3           |  |
| <b>Total Semester Credits</b>   |   |                             |  | <b>6-8</b>  |  |
| <b>Semester 8</b>   |   |                             |  |             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Humanities & Fine Arts Option List                                    | Humanities & Fine Arts      |  | 3-5         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply for Graduation</li> <li>Apply for jobs</li> </ul>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | Any elective 100 level or higher                                      | Elective                    |  | 3           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | course level 100 or higher - <i>only need if total units below 60</i> | Elective                    |  | 3           |  |
| <b>Total Semester Credits</b>   |   |                             |  | <b>6-11</b> |  |
| <b>Credits Required</b>   |   |                             |  | <b>60*</b>  |  |
| <i>*The A.A. in Exploratory requires a minimum of 60 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.</i> |   |                             |  |             |  |

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for part-time students and identifies the course recommendations for timely degree completion. All pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: [Associate in Arts](#)

Please note:

- Courses may require a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see the [Academic Catalog](#) for additional information.
- Natural Science courses must be chosen from two different disciplines including at least one course with a lab.
- Only 3 credits for performance classes can be used for Humanities & Fine Arts.