

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2026-2027 Arts & Sciences – Associate of Arts (AA) Requirements

It is your responsibility to be certain that the degree requirements are appropriate to the catalog year you are under. Use your degree audit to confirm course options, as some courses listed here may not be applicable to your AA degree if you enrolled prior to Fall 2026.

Core Requirement Category	Core Credit Hours Required
A. Communication – Writing	5
B. Communication – Speech	3
C. History/Cultures	6
D. Humanities	9
E. Social Science	9
F. Mathematics	3
G. Science	6
H. Electives	21
Diversity	1 approved course
Degree Total	62

A. COMMUNICATION – WRITING (5 c.h.)

***Select (ENG105 AND ENG106/ENG108) OR ENG120**

Required: Valid test score, High School GPA, or college transcript with appropriate prerequisite.

- ENG105 — Composition I (3)
- ENG106 — Composition II (3)
- ENG108 — Composition II: Technical Writing (3)
- ENG120 — College Writing (Comp I-II equivalent) (5)

B. COMMUNICATION – SPEECH (3 c.h.)

***Select one**

- SPC101 — Fundamentals of Oral Communication (3)
- SPC112 — Public Speaking (3)

C. HISTORY/CULTURES (6 c.h.)

***Select two – [D] also fulfills Diversity**

- [D] ANT105 — Cultural Anthropology (3)
- [D] ASL171 — American Sign Language II (4)
- [D] ASL245 — American Sign Language III (4)
- [D] ASL281 — American Sign Language IV (4)
- [D] CLS151 — Understanding Cultures: Latin America (3)
- [D] CLS159 — Und. Cultures: Ind. Central America (3)
- [D] CLS165 — Und. Cultures: Modern Japan (3)
- [D] FLF142 — Elementary French II (4)
- [D] FLF241 — Intermediate French I (4)
- [D] FLF242 — Intermediate French II (4)
- [D] FLS142 — Elementary Spanish II (4)
- [D] FLS241 — Intermediate Spanish I (4)
- [D] FLS242 — Intermediate Spanish II (4)
- HIS126 — West & World I: Prehistory–500 (3)
- HIS127 — West & World II: 500–1750 (3)
- HIS128 — West & World III: 1750–Present (3)
- HIS151 — U.S. History to 1877 (3)
- HIS152 — U.S. History since 1877 (3)
- [D] HIS221 — Holocaust/Genocide: Mem. & Lit. (3)
- [D] HIS254 — American Indian History (3)
- [D] HIS257 — African American History (3)
- HIS291 — History of Science (3)
- [D] REL101 — Survey of World Religions (3)
- [D] REL120 — Judaism, Christianity & Islam (3)
- [D] REL140 — Religion in the United States (3)

Minimum GPA required to graduate: 2.00

Kirkwood Residency Requirement: 16 credit hours

D. HUMANITIES (9 c.h.)

*** Must take 1 Introductory, 1 Literature, and 1 from Intro OR Lit – [D] also fulfills Diversity**

(1) Introductory Arts & Humanities

- ART101 — Art Appreciation (3)
- ART143 — Painting (3)
- ART173 — Ceramics (3)
- ART184 — Photography (3)
- ART186 — Digital Photography (3)
- ART203 — Art History I (3)
- ART204 — Art History II (3)
- ART420 — Introduction to Glass (3)
- DRA101 — Introduction to Theatre (3)
- DRA116 — Film Analysis (3)
- DRA117 — Film Topics (3)
- DRA125 — Introduction to Play Analysis (3)
- HUM105 — Working in America (3)
- HUM116 — Encounters in Humanities (3)
- HUM123 — U.S. Film History (3)
- HUM124 — World Film History (3)
- HUM142 — Popular Culture (3)
- HUM190 — Culture and Technology (3)
- [D] HUM200 — International Study in Humanities (3)
- MUS100 — Music Appreciation (3)
- MUS207 — Introduction to Film Music (3)
- MUS208 — American Popular Music & Jazz (3)
- PHI101 — Introduction to Philosophy (3)
- PHI105 — Introduction to Ethics (3)
- PHI111 — Basic Reasoning (3)
- [D] PHI135 — Multicultural Ethics (3)
- PHI160 — Environmental Ethics (3)
- (2) Literature (Prereq: ENG105 or ENG120)**
- [D] LIT130 — African American Literature (3)
- [D] LIT180 — Mythology (3)
- [D] LIT203 — Forms of Literature: Story Cycle (3)
- LIT204 — Forms of Literature: Nonfiction (3)
- LIT205 — Forms of Literature: Drama (3)
- LIT206 — Forms of Literature: Fiction (3)
- LIT207 — Forms of Literature: Poetry (3)
- LIT208 — Forms of Literature: New Media (3)
- LIT209 — Forms of Literature: Film Adaptation (3)
- [D] LIT222 — Literature & Culture: American Dreams (3)
- [D] LIT224 — Literature & Culture: Women and Work (3)
- LIT226 — Literary Themes: Search for Identity (3)
- [D] LIT227 — Literature & Culture: World Poetry (3)

E. SOCIAL SCIENCE (9 c.h.)

***Select three – [D] also fulfills Diversity**

- CRJ100 — Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- CRJ200 — Criminology (3)
- CRJ316 — Juvenile Justice (3)
- ECE103 — Introduction to Early Childhood (3)
- ECE170 — Child Growth & Development (3)
- ECN120 — Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- ECN130 — Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- EDU110 — Exploring Teaching (3)
- EDU240 — Educational Psychology (3)
- HSV109 — Introduction to Human Services (3)
- HSV112 — Pers. & Prof. Wellness in Helping Professions (3)
- HSV201 — Loss, Trauma and Resilience (3)
- HSV292 — Substance Abuse and Treatment (3)
- MMS101 — Mass Media (3)
- POL110 — Introduction to Political Science (3)
- POL111 — American National Government (3)
- POL121 — International Relations (3)
- [D] POL125 — Comparative Government and Politics (3)
- PRL103 — Introduction to Law (3)
- PSY111 — Introduction to Psychology (3)
- PSY121 — Developmental Psychology (3)
- PSY251 — Social Psychology (3)
- SOC110 — Introduction to Sociology (3)
- SOC115 — Social Problems (3)
- SOC120 — Marriage and Family (3)
- [D] SOC220 — Sociology of Aging (3)

F. MATHEMATICS (3 c.h.)

***Select one**

Required: Valid test score or college transcript with appropriate prerequisite.

- CSC142 — Computer Science (4)
- MAT115 — Mathematics and Society (3)
- MAT117 — Math for Elementary Teachers (3)
- MAT136 — Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry (5)
- MAT138 — College Algebra with Limits (4)
- MAT149 — Linear Algebra (3)
- MAT150 — Discrete Math (3)
- MAT156 — Statistics (3)
- MAT162 — Business Statistics (4)
- MAT163 — Quantitative Reasoning for Business (4)
- MAT165 — Business Calculus (3)
- MAT210 — Calculus I (4)
- MAT216 — Calculus II (4)
- MAT219 — Calculus III (4)
- MAT227 — Differential Equations / Laplace (4)

Diversity Requirement [D]:

Students seeking an AA degree from Kirkwood Community College must complete **one** approved Diversity course. Courses marked with [D] fulfill both Diversity and core requirements.

G. SCIENCE (6 c.h.)

***Select two**

(1) Biological

- BIO104 — Introductory Biology w/ Lab (3)
- BIO112 — General Biology I (4)
- BIO113 — General Biology II (4)
- BIO131 — Genetics and Society (3)
- BIO151 — Nutrition (3)
- BIO154 — Human Biology (3)
- BIO168 — Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)
- BIO173 — Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4)
- BIO186 — Microbiology (4)

(2) Environmental Studies

- ENV115 — Environmental Science (3)

(3) Earth & Interdisciplinary Science

*** Only one Geology course may count as Science credit.**

- BIO195 — Human Evolution (3)
- *PHS170 — Physical Geology (3)
- PHS171 — Physical Geology Lab (1)
- *PHS175 — Environmental Geology (3)
- PHS176 — Environmental Geology Lab (1)
- PHS180 — Evolution of the Earth (3)

(4) Physical

- CHM110 — Introduction to Chemistry (3)
- CHM111 — Introduction to Chemistry Lab (1)
- CHM132 — Intro to Organic and Biochemistry (4)
- CHM165 — General Chemistry I (4)
- CHM175 — General Chemistry II (4)
- PHY120 — Introductory Physics (3)
- PHS151 — Introduction to Astronomy (3)
- PHY162 — College Physics I (4)
- PHY172 — College Physics II (4)
- PHY212 — Classical Physics I (5)
- PHY222 — Classical Physics II (5)
- SCI120 — Forensic Science (3)

H. ELECTIVES (21 c.h.)

***Courses beyond core requirements provide an opportunity to pursue subjects of special interest.**

Please work closely with your academic advisor to plan electives. Electives may include all 'Code A' (transfer) credits and up to 16 'Code B' (technical) credits.

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The following courses meet the Diversity requirement, but count as electives only and not as a core course:

- [D] EDU248 — Exceptional Persons (3)
- [D] GLS120 — Education Experience Abroad (3)
- [D] SOC200 — Minority Group Relations (3)
- [D] SOC265 — Intro to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ Studies (3)