

# UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

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## 2016-2018



Sned State Community College has developed a quality academic transfer program. Students who begin their college career at Sned State before transferring to another university statistically perform better academically at their respective university than students who enter the schools as freshmen.

## ACADEMIC DIVISION

The Academic Divisions of Snead State Community College offer students the opportunity to earn an Associate in Science degree. The Associate of Science degree is designed for students who plan to transfer to a senior-level institution. However, students who have not chosen a transfer school and program may still earn the Associate in Science (AS) degree by following the guidelines for the AS degree, detailed below. Students who plan to transfer Snead State coursework to another college or university should contact potential transfer institutions as soon as possible prior to transfer in order to verify which courses will transfer. Students planning to transfer to a public four-year college or university in Alabama should also get a STARS guide by visiting <http://stars.troy.edu>. The STARS Guide ensures maximum transferability of credits and to that any transferred credits are applicable towards a four-year degree. The General Studies guidelines represent the minimum requirements for graduation. All students should consult an academic advisor for assistance in choosing courses appropriate for their plans and interests.

## ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Area I:** Written Composition I and II ..... 6 Credit Hours

**Area II:** Humanities/Fine Arts ..... 12 Credit Hours

- \*Must complete 3 semester hours in Literature.
- Must complete 3 semester hours in the Arts.

*The remaining semester hours are to be selected from Humanities and/or Fine Arts. Humanities and Arts disciplines include but are not limited to: Art, Foreign Languages, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Speech, Theater.*

**Area III:** Natural Science/Mathematics. 11 Credit Hours

- Must complete 3 semester hours in Mathematics at the Precalculus Algebra or Finite Math Level.
- Must complete 8 semester hours in the Natural Sciences which must include Laboratory Experiences.

*In addition to Mathematics, disciplines in the Natural Sciences include: Astronomy, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geology, Physical Geography, Earth Science, Physics, and Physical Science.*

**Area IV:** History/Social/Behavioral Sciences ..... 12 Credit Hours

- \*Must complete 3 semester hours in History.
- Must complete at least 6 semester hours from among other disciplines in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.

*Social and Behavioral Sciences include, but are not limited to: Anthropology, Economics, Geography (GEO 100 only), History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology.*

**Area V:** Pre-Professional/Pre-Major/Electives ..... \*\*19-23 Credit Hours

- Courses appropriate to the degree requirements and major of the individual student and electives.

*Students completing courses that have been approved for the General Studies Curriculum and are appropriate to their major and/or degree program may transfer these courses with credit applicable to their degree program among two-year and four-year colleges and universities.*

**Area I-V:** General Studies Curricula..... \*\*60-64 Credit Hours

**Maximum Program Semester Credit Hours ..... 64 Credit Hours**

**Semester Credit Hour Range by Award ..... \*\*60-64 Credit Hours**

**\* Note: Must complete a 6 semester hour sequence either in Literature or in History. The sequence in Area II and IV in Literature or History needs to follow the sequence requirements according to the students major and transfer plans.**

**\*\* Respective programs of study for baccalaureate degrees at Alabama public universities range from 120 to 128 semester credit hours in length. Dependent upon the total hours allocated for the bachelor's degrees, institutions in The Alabama Community College System will only be authorized to provide 50 percent of that total (60-64).**

**Area I-IV:** Minimum General Education Requirements... 41 Credit Hours

*Note: Not all courses in some subjects may be counted towards Areas II, III, and IV. For example, certain Biology and Mathematics courses do not count towards the Area III total. Students should consult an academic advisor regarding their coursework.*

## **STARS GUIDE**

The Statewide Articulation Reporting System (STARS), created through the Alabama Legislature through Act 94202, is a computerized articulation and transfer planning system designed to inform students who attend Alabama community colleges about degree requirements, course equivalents, and other transfer information pertaining to specific majors at each state-supported four-year College. It is through this system that a student can obtain an Alabama Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC) approved Articulation/Transfer Guide and Agreement. This Articulation/Transfer Guide and Agreement guarantees the transferability of the course work listed within the guide among Colleges of higher education in the State of Alabama.

Students who know the specific Alabama College to which they plan to transfer may obtain major guides and/or agreements through the Advising Office in the McCain Student Success Center or online through the AGSC/STARS Home Page at <http://stars.troy.edu>. The STARS database, if used properly, can prevent the loss of course credit hours, can provide direction for the scheduling of course work, and can ease the transition from one College to another. Students must present their STARS guide and/or agreement, which will become a part of their official academic record, when they meet with their academic advisor.

Transfer templates for a large number of four-year degree programs have been approved by the Alabama General Studies Committee (AGSC). Transfer students must follow courses outlined in their respective degree plan as well as in the STARS guide to ensure that the classes taken fit within the transfer institution's guidelines. Students should visit the AGSC/STARS website at <http://stars.troy.edu> for the most up-to-date listing of STARS Guides.

## **UNDECIDED ABOUT A MAJOR?**

Students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university but who have not decided on a major should follow the General Education guidelines after consulting with an advisor about the courses most likely to transfer and count towards majors they are considering. Usually, students who know they want to transfer after graduation are better served by deciding on both a major and a transfer institution as early in their college careers as possible. To change transfer majors, students must complete a change of major form and submit it to the Office of Student Services located in the McCain Student Success Center.

**GENERAL EDUCATION**  
**Associate in Science Degree**

Area I .....	Written Composition .....	6	
ENG 101 .....	English Composition I .....	3	_____
ENG 102 .....	English Composition II .....	3	_____
Area II.....	Humanities and Fine Arts .....	12	
ARTS .....	ART 100, 203, 204, MUS 101 or THR 120.....	3	_____
LIT* .....	ENG 251, 252, 261, 262, or 271, 272 .....	3-6	_____
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Humanities	ENG 251, 252, 261, 262, FRN 101, 102, PHL 106, 206.....		
	REL 100, 151, 152, SPA 101, 102, or SPH 106, 107 .....	3-6	_____
Area III.....	Natural Science and Mathematics .....	11	
MTH .....	MTH 110, 112, 113, 120, 125, 126, 227, 237, 238.....	3	_____
LAB SCI .....	AST 220, BIO 103, 104, CHM 104, 105, 111, 112, GEO 101,.....		_____
	GEO 102, PHS 111, 112, PHY 201, 202, 213, 214.....	8	_____
Area IV .....	History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences.....	12	
HIS* .....	HIS 101, 102 or HIS 121, 122 or HIS 201, 202.....	3-6	_____
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SOC SCI .....	ANT 200, ECO 231, 232, GEO 100, POL 200, 211 .....		_____
	PSY 200, 210, SOC 200, 210 .....	6-9	_____
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Area V.....	Pre-Professional, Major, and Elective Courses.....	19-23	
Electives .....	Any courses not already taken in Areas II-IV .....	19-23	_____
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TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE.....		60-64	

\* Students must complete a 6 semester hour sequence either in Area II Literature or in Area IV History. Some Colleges and Universities require a sequences in both literature and history. Students should refer to their STARS guides or contact their intended transfer institution for clarification.