

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR
Community & Technical College
Associate of Arts**

STRENGTHS:

- The Associate of Arts provides stepping stone pathways to four-year degrees and into the workforce.
- Highly flexible, multidisciplinary degree program that provides students with the opportunity to combine general education courses with exploratory courses or courses of interest.
- AA courses transfer to general core for bachelor degree programs.
- The Associate of Arts was transferred to the UAF Community and Technical College in 2018 which makes it more widely available to students.
- Dual credit exists for high school students through local partnership.

WEAKNESSES:

- There is only 1.5 FTE advisor for 350 declared majors with a high percentage of first-generation college students.
- Limited scholarship opportunities at the AA level and the program has a high number of Pell eligible students
- Difficult to track SCH

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Additional advising and student support services could increase enrollment and student completion. With the high number of first generation and underserved students in the AA program, this support would demonstrate greater access to higher education for this population.
- The AA provides ladder pathways to other degree programs. This can be strengthened and better developed between UAF and UAF CTC programs.
- Strengthen dual credit opportunities with high school students.

THREATS:

- Increasing tuition and fee structure with limited scholarship opportunity limit access and disenfranchise students with a high level of financial need.

CENTRALITY TO MISSION:

The Associate of Arts provides for pathways for students to transition to higher degree programs.

INDICATORS OF QUALITY:

This program overlaps with UAF's General Education Requirements, which are approved and assessed by the General Education Committee of the Faculty Senate and by their individual departments.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS:

The revenue to expenditures from FY16 to FY20 averaged 249%

Majors

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Majors	AA General Program	552	457	444	399	378

Degrees

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Degrees	AA General Program	82	60	58	53	48

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RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation: 1 vote		
Continuation w/ improvement plan: 6 votes	Improve tracking of students, better recording of students articulating into BA degrees or other majors.	Report in one year.
Abstain: 1 vote		