AA degree: three problems (a) supposed to be restricted to 200 level & below, (b) UAF Ethics classes require Junior standing or above; UA General Education classes are supposed to be lower level, ‘introductory’ classes. We restricted UAF GenEd (last year) to 200 level & below which require no prereqs other than Engl 111.

“Associate of Arts Degree Requirements 2016 Catalog

The associate of arts degree represents the completion of broad-based college study. This degree may serve as a starting point for your career or as a steppingstone to a bachelor’s program. You may earn only one A.A. degree. The curriculum of the associate of arts degree consists of all courses required to meet the UAF baccalaureate core, with the following exceptions:

1. The upper-division writing and oral-intensive courses are not required. [because they’re upper division]
2. In place of the upper-division ethics course a humanities or social science elective may be substituted.

All credits for the A.A. degree must be at the F100 level or above, with 20 credits at the F200 level or above, and be distributed as follows:

Baccalaureate core credits........................................... 38–44  (higher number if using 2 semesters of foreign language)
General electives....................................................... 16–22

Requirements Credits

Communication 9 credits
ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; and COMM F131X or COMM F141X

Perspectives on the Human Condition (humanities and social sciences)  18 credits
ANTH F100X/SOC F100X; and ECON F100X or PS F100X; and HIST F100X; and ENGL/FL F200X; and
ART/MUS/THR F200X or HUM F201X or ANS F202X and
^BA F323X or COMM F300X or JUST F300X or NRM F303X or PS F300X or PHIL F322X—Ethics
^Note: Recommended for students who will earn a B.A. or B.S. degree. An additional social science elective may be substituted for the A.A. degree.”

(+ 1 math + 2 nat sci courses + LS101)

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Communication 9 credits (same as above)
Arts: 1 of several courses
Humanities: 1 of several courses
Social Sciences: 2 courses, each from a different field
1 more soc sci or humanities or arts
Ethics: same as above ( including ‘or 1 additional soc sci’) = 18 credits
(+ 1 math + 2 nat sci)

Part of the problem is ‘academic’: it was (kinda) ok to leave 300-level ethics as part of ‘core’, but the Gen Ed requirements are really really supposed to be lower-division classes. Part of it is ‘student options’—why shouldn’t the student be able to take any class (and not just soc sci) as a sub for ‘ethics?’ Or maybe I’m creating a mountain from nothing...

Solution??
(a) Ethics is ‘baccalaureate requirement’ (like the O,W + capstone) not ‘Gen Ed’
(b) Replace ‘Ethics’ in AA with ‘+ 1 additional Arts, Humanities, or Soc Sci’