

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

¹BA F323X or COMM F300X or JUST F300X or NRM F303X or PS F300X or PHIL F322X—Ethics

¹Note: 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'

