

# Associate of Arts (AA) Degree

Providing a liberal arts education  
for further study or college transfer



**The Associate of Arts (AA) degree** is designed for students who desire a rigorous liberal arts education that emphasizes depth of intellectual and academic experience. This degree is designed for students whose educational interests are in the humanities, the creative and performing arts, and the social sciences. The degree can provide the basis for career advancement or for further study. Because transfer credit and degree requirements vary widely, it is important to consult with an advisor if you plan to transfer to a college or university.

## 62 Credits

Glen Oaks Community College students get the advantage of a community college “start” before going to a college or university. Glen Oaks counselors have complete curriculum guides listing courses that will transfer for many specific programs. Glen Oaks counselors work closely with listed colleges, receive regular program information, communicate on a regular basis, and attend workshops and seminars at various institutions. They stay current on transfer information which can impact Glen Oaks students.

## A Smart Step!

Approximately half the students seeking a higher education in America are doing it at a community college or technical institute. More than 70 percent of all college freshmen take community college classes. You can knock out just about all the “core courses” that you would take in your first two years at a university. And you do it at a more affordable cost, in smaller classes, with attentive instructors.

For those achieving an **Associate of Arts** or another transfer degree, Glen Oaks has “articulation” agreements for a four-year degree in education and other careers with area colleges. Glen Oaks’ counselors can help you understand a target university’s requirements and choose courses that will transfer.

However, you don’t have to participate in an articulation agreement to make a successful transfer. As long as you research the requirements, plan ahead and meet with a Glen Oaks counselor to discuss your plans, you can transfer to just about any college in the country. In fact, Glen Oaks graduates have successfully transferred their courses to over 300 colleges and universities.

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## Communications (9 required credit hours)

COM 121 English Composition*	3 Credits
COM 122 English Composition*	3 Credits
COM 150 Public Speaking	3 Credits

## Humanities (8 required credit hours)

The following course must be taken:

HUH 101 Modern Culture and the Arts	4 Credits
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**and**

One (1) literature course from the following 3 courses must be taken:

HUL 201 Women and Literature*	4 Credits
HUL 212 Contemporary Literature*	4 Credits
HUL 234 World Mythologies*	4 Credits

## Social Science (16 required credit hours)

SSP 101 Psychology <b>or</b>	
SSS 120 Principles of Sociology	4 Credits

**The following courses must be taken:**

SSA 201 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4 Credits
SSH 201 U.S. History I: European Colonization to 1877*	4 Credits
SSH 202 U.S. History II: Reconstruction to the Present*	4 Credits

## Natural Science (12 required credit hours)

8 credit hours of science **must** be taken in courses with the same prefix.

Select the 8 credit hours from the following sciences:

NSB 121 General Biology I*	
<b>and</b> NSB 122 General Biology II*	8 Credits
<b>OR</b> NSC 133 General Chemistry I*	
<b>and</b> NSC 134 General Chemistry II*	8 Credits
<b>OR</b> NSP 151 General Physics I*	
<b>and</b> NSP 152 General Physics I Lab*	
<b>and</b> NSP 153 General Physics II*	
<b>and</b> NSP 154 General Physics II Lab*	10 Credits
<b>OR</b> NSP 251 Physics I*	
<b>and</b> NSP 252 Physics I Lab*	
<b>and</b> NSP 253 Physics II*	
<b>and</b> NSP 254 Physics II Lab*	10 Credits

**One (1) mathematics course from the following 8 courses must be taken:**

NSM 105 Fundamentals of Modern Math*	4 Credits
NSM 117 Finite Mathematics*	4 Credits
NSM 151 College Algebra*	4 Credits
NSM 153 College Trigonometry*	4 Credits
NSM 161 Calculus I and Analytic Geometry*	4 Credits
NSM 162 Calculus II and Analytic Geometry*	4 Credits
NSM 261 Calculus III and Analytic Geometry*	4 Credits
NSM 262 Linear Algebra and Differential Equations*	4 Credits

## Physical Education Activity :

**(2 required credit hours)**.....2 Credits

**Elective Courses (11 credit hours)**.....11 Credits

Select any 15 hours from the following courses:

ART 104-253 any Art Classes* (Note specific course prerequisites for studio courses selected)	3 Credits
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ART 220 History of Art I	4 Credits
ART 221 History of Art II	4 Credits
BAE 203 Principles of Economics (Micro)*	4 Credits
BAE 204 Principles of Economics (Macro)*	4 Credits
COM 110 Interpersonal Communications	3 Credits
COM 126 Introduction to Creative Writing*	3 Credits
COM 140 General Communications: Speech	3 Credits
COM 231 Creative Writing: Poetry*	3 Credits
COM 232 Creative Writing: Fiction*	3 Credits
COM 252 Traditional Grammar*	3 Credits
EDP 101 Introduction to Computers & Software	4 Credits
EDP 117 Visual Basic Programming for Microcomputers	3 Credits
HUA 100 Art Appreciation	4 Credits
HUA 260-264 Photography courses*	3 Credits
HUF 110-261 any Foreign Language course*	
Note specific course prerequisites for courses selected.....4 Credits	
HUL 107-234 any Literature class*	
Note specific course prerequisites for courses selected.....4 Credits	
HUM 150 Music Appreciation	4 Credits
HUM 151 Music Appreciation: Jazz & Pop	4 Credits
HUP 210 Ethics*	4 Credits
HUP 230 Introduction to Philosophy	3 Credits
HUR 231-233 any Religion Course	
Credit hours vary with specific course selected	4 Credits
MUS 108 College Choir*	2 Credits
MUS 160 Music Theory I*	4 Credits
MUS 161 Music Theory II*	4 Credits
NSA 105 Principles of Anatomy & Physiology*	4 Credits
NSA 205 Human Physiology*	4 Credits
NSB 120 Biology	4 Credits
NSB 230 Microbiology*	4 Credits
NSC 130 Chemistry*	4 Credits
NSG 142 Physical Geography	4 Credits
NSH 106 Wellness and Life Style	2 Credits
NSS 144 Astronomy*	4 Credits
SSG 110 American Government and Political Science*	4 Credits
SSH 101 Western Civilization I: Ancient World to 1715*	4 Credits
SSH 102 Western Civilization II: Europe c. 1700 to Present*	4 Credits
SSP 201 Psychology and Personality	3 Credits
SSP 210 Human Growth & Development*	4 Credits
SSP 220 Abnormal Psychology	4 Credits
SSS 220 Marriage and Family*	4 Credits
SSW 250 Introduction to Social Work	4 Credits
SSW 251 Social Work Concepts and Human Behavior*	3 Credits

**TOTAL.....62 Credits**

\* Course has prerequisite

No AFD courses accepted

Must complete MACRAO requirements

Effective Fall 2004

# Transfer of Credits and Transfer Counseling

## Guaranteed Transfer of Credits

Transfer of Credits from Glen Oaks Community College is guaranteed. If the following conditions are met and a course does not transfer, Glen Oaks will refund the tuition for that course.

1. The student must meet with a Glen Oaks counselor
2. A grade of "C" (2.0) or better must be achieved.
3. A course choice must be listed on the student's official curriculum guide sheet.

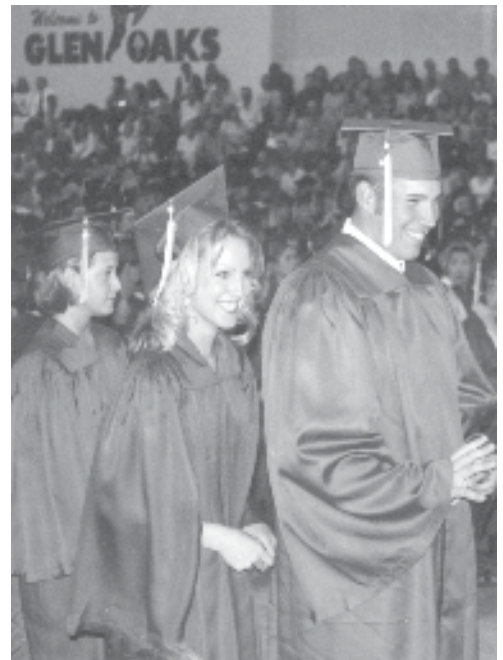
The College is committed to helping students achieve their educational and career goals which includes degree, certificate and transfer objectives.

## Transfer Counseling

Glen Oaks Community College offers courses which are helpful toward the achievement of many college and university programs of study. Frequently, students can secure an Associate Degree on the way to a Bachelor Degree. Transfer curriculum guides are available for the most popular programs and for many colleges. Transfer guides, which list courses at Glen Oaks that will transfer to a particular school in a specific major, are available in Student Services.

## Regular Counseling Appointments

The Associate of Arts degree is typically pursued when transfer to a college or university is likely. The College recommends regular counseling appointments to assure the best possible transfer of credits. Completion of core courses at Glen Oaks for this degree qualifies the student for the MACRAO Agreement (See GOCC catalog). The MACRAO Agreement is generally not available to students seeking the Associate of Applied Science in Business, Allied Health, Nursing, Social Work or Technology. (**Note:** Requirements for all GOCC degrees are evaluated from the current catalog or from the catalog in effect when the student first enrolled, provided that the entry catalog is no more than four years earlier and there are no extended interruptions in completing the degree).



## After earning an AA degree

### Related Transfer Programs toward a Bachelor Degree...

Associate of Business  
Associate of General Studies  
Associate of Science

- Art, Design, Graphic Design
- Business Ownership
- Education
- Human Resources
- Journalism
- Public Administration
- Computer Systems
- Management
- Marketing
- Sales
- Social Work
- Finance
- Economics

# Preparation

## Current High School Students:

To be prepared to enter directly into the first semester of college courses, the college recommends that you complete a Secondary School College Preparatory Career Pathway Sequence provided at many schools. Check with your High School Counselor for High School Graduation requirements and possible Articulation Agreements. *Courses might include English, Math, Art, Music, General Science, Basic Keyboarding, Computer classes, Foreign Language, Psychology/Sociology and Geography.*

## Adults Returning to School:

Don't underestimate your life experience!

A Glen Oaks Community College counselor can help you assess your life experience and suggest how you can best apply those skills to your academic goals.

**This publication** is intended to provide a general overview of the program. For current specific requirements, consult with a Glen Oaks Community College academic counselor.

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# Career Resources

Glen Oaks Career Counseling Services  
Students Services Department  
(269) 467-9945 or (888) 994-7818  
[www.glenoaks.cc.mi.us](http://www.glenoaks.cc.mi.us)

Michigan's Web-based Education  
Development Plan  
[www.mi-edp.org](http://www.mi-edp.org)

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook  
Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

Michigan Occupational Information System  
MOIS  
[www.mois.org](http://www.mois.org)

## Non-Discrimination Statement:

It is the policy of Glen Oaks Community College that no discriminatory practices based on gender/sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state, or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Contact the Associate Dean of Instruction or Civil Rights Coordinator at GOCC (269.467.9945) if you feel discriminatory practices have taken place.



**Charles A. Frisbie**, superintendent of Constantine Public Schools, graduated from Glen Oaks Community College in 1981 with an Associate of Arts degree emphasizing education. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Physical Education from Western Michigan University in 1985 and a Master of Arts in 1994. Chuck and his wife, Kathleen, have two sons. He played basketball and later coached at GOCC. "I'll always remember the inspiring and talented teachers I had at Glen Oaks. I emulated them when I began teaching," said Chuck.

## Student Support

- Personalized educational and career planning
- Financial aid and scholarships
- Flexible Schedules: day, evening, and distance learning online classes
- Tutorial programs and free tutoring
- Modern labs and computer information classrooms
- Full-service library/computer center
- Smaller class sizes and caring instructors

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