

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES



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PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Lawson State Community College is authorized to award the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Occupational Technology, and Associate in Applied Science degrees as well as certificates in occupationally specific areas by the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and the Alabama Board of Education. Students successfully completing a series of courses called a "program" of study obtain these degrees and certificates. Psychology 100 Orientation (PSY 100) is a prerequisite to all degree and certificate programs. Orientation is not usually transferable.

Placement in college level English, reading and math courses depends upon scores achieved on placement tests (COMPASS, or ACT). Placement in developmental level courses may be required to encourage student success.

UNIVERSITY PARALLEL PROGRAMS

Programs leading to the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science degrees are referred to as "university parallel programs" because they are designed to prepare the student to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree. Students are assigned to advisors on the basis of an intended major or field of interest indicated by individual students. Programs of study have been outlined in the catalog to guide students in the choice and sequence of particular courses.

It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the requirements of the senior institution to which he or she contemplates transferring. A student planning to transfer should follow a prescribed transfer program in order to prevent

loss of credit upon transferring. Students should consult with their faculty advisors before registering.

Students in university parallel programs should become familiar with the Statewide Articulation Reporting System (STARS) which provides them with very specific information about the requirements in each subject AREA for a given transfer institution. The STARS website can be accessed at <http://stars.troyst.edu>. From STARS, students can print a transfer guide for his or her major and enter into a binding contract with the transfer institution in his or her program of study. The contract is not binding on the student but is binding on the transfer institution if the student does not change majors and takes the courses listed on the transfer guide.

CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS

Programs leading to the Associate in Applied Science and the Associate in Occupational Technologies degrees are college-level programs of study designed to prepare students to enter occupational, semi-professional, or paraprofessional employment. Though many of the courses in these programs transfer to four-year colleges and universities, their primary intent is to prepare students for immediate employment after successful completion of a two-year program of courses. Certificates are awarded to students who successfully complete the requirements of specific technical or occupational programs. These programs vary in length from two to five semesters. Some certificate programs do not require a high school diploma for admission.

DEGREE OFFERINGS

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS AND ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREES

Degrees may contain 60-64 hours. PSY 100 is a prerequisite for this degree.

Area I — Written Composition (6)

Area II — Literature, Humanities and Fine Arts (12)

SPH 107 (3) — Fund. of Public Speaking

*ENG 251/252 (6 or) — American Literature I-II

English 261/262 — English Literature I-II

**Remaining three (3) semester hours to be selected from Humanities and/or Fine Arts: Area/Ethnic Studies, Art and Art History, Foreign Languages, Music and Music History, Philosophy, Ethics, Religious Studies, Theater and Dance from STARS.*

Area III — Natural Sciences and Mathematics (11)

Area IV — Social and Behavioral Science (12)

*NOTE: Students have the option of completing a complete English series or History series. Once a track is selected, the completion of 3 credit hours in the remaining track will only be needed. See STARS guide for specifics.

Area V — Pre-Professional/Elective Courses (19-23)

- CIS 130 or Higher (3)
- Two PED 1-hour activity courses (2)
- RDG114 (3)
- Pre-professional courses (12-18)

The specific courses listed are suggested for transfer. Students should consult the requirements of the senior institution to which they plan to transfer.

Total Semester Transfer Hours (60-64)