

## Associate of Arts

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### Beginning a Bachelor's Degree

Bowling Green State University offers more than 170 bachelor's degree programs and students can begin most of them at BGSU Firelands! Bachelor's degrees take approximately four to five years to complete as a full-time student. Associate degrees mark the approximate halfway point in a bachelor's program. So, whether your goal is to pursue a four-year degree or simply to expand your horizons, an associate of arts degree is an excellent foundation.

While providing a strong academic background, the requirements for the associate of arts degree are extremely flexible, offering students the opportunity to sample a number of disciplines or tailor their studies according to special interests. During the freshman and sophomore years of college, students complete many courses which are required by the University in all of the majors. These required BG Perspective core classes can be taken at BGSU Firelands.

Specifically designed to provide a solid knowledge base to pursue a broad range of four-year programs, these courses develop the foundational skills for further study in your bachelor's degree, enhance competencies in written and oral communication, computation and mathematics, critical thinking and problem solving, and decision making and values analysis. These courses also parallel those offered during the first two years of a bachelor's degree at most other colleges and universities. As a result, students can easily transfer to other institutions.

### Curriculum

Students pursuing the associate of arts degree must complete a minimum of 62 credit hours. Coursework includes:

#### Communications (3 hours minimum)

Varieties of Writing (3)

Each student should also acquire proficiency in oral communication.

#### Math/Science (7 hours minimum chosen from math and/or science)

Two courses must be selected from the natural science BG Perspective courses.

#### Humanities & Arts (9 hours minimum)

Two courses must be selected from the humanities and arts BG Perspective courses.

#### Social Sciences (9 hours)

Two courses must be selected from the humanities and arts BG Perspective courses.

#### Approved Electives

Each student must select a sufficient number of electives to earn a minimum of 62 credit hours. Courses must be selected from the student's intended bachelor's degree program. Students planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in the College of Arts and Sciences should take a foreign language.

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#### Your University Opportunity

BGSU Firelands, located in Huron, Ohio, is a regional campus and one of the seven undergraduate colleges of Bowling Green State University. We offer many of the advantages and resources of a major university, but in a smaller, more personal environment.

Generally, students are able to complete at least two years of coursework toward most of the 200-degree programs at BGSU before transferring to the main campus, or to another college or university.

BGSU Firelands offers students a wireless environment campus wide. Kiosks and public-access computers located in most campus buildings provide easy Internet access. In addition, there are several on-campus computer labs with a variety of computers and software programs.

The library, containing more than 30,000 volumes, is computer-linked to the more than 4 million items available through BGSU's libraries to provide excellent research opportunities.

Academic advisors work individually with students to plan their degree programs and small class sizes allow students to have close, personal contact with their professors. Free tutoring is readily available through the Teaching and Learning Center. Scholarships, grants and loans are available to assist students with tuition.

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