

ENGLISH, SECONDARY EDUCATION, AA

Program Description

The Associate of Arts Degree in Secondary Education English is designed for students seeking careers in secondary education (junior and senior high schools) who wish to teach English. The degree requirements include a well-balanced general education curriculum. Program specific curriculum provides students with educational theory and practical field work in the secondary education school settings as well as a selection of topics in English.

This course of study is designated as a university transfer program that meets the requirements for the first two years of study for the bachelor of arts degree in secondary education English at University of Nevada (UNR) and Nevada State University (NSU). Please note: any questions about requirements when entering a teaching certification program need to be addressed by advisors for the specific university of interest.

Secondary Education Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/54/>)

Recommended Course Schedule

		Units
1st semester		
COM 113	Fundamentals of Speech Communications	3
ENG 101	Composition I	3
or ENG 100	or Composition Enhanced	
or ENG 113	or Composition I for International and Multilingual Students	
EDU 202	Introduction to Secondary Education	3
MATH 120	Fundamentals of College Mathematics	3
Foreign Language or Elective		3-4
Semester Total		16
2nd semester		
CH 201	Ancient and Medieval Cultures	3
or CH 202	or The Modern World	
ENG 102	Composition II	3
or ENG 114	or Composition II For International and Multilingual Students	
ENG 202	Film Analysis and Interpretation	3
ENV 101	Introduction to Environmental Science	3
Foreign Language or Elective		3-4
Semester Total		16
3rd semester		
EDU 203	Introduction to Special Education	3
ENG 205	Intro to Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry	3
JOUR 107	Media Writing	3
Lab Science		3
Foreign Language or Elective		3-4
Semester Total		16
4th semester		
CH 203	American Experiences and Constitutional Change	3

ENG 281	Introduction to Language	3
ENG 298	Writing About Literature	3
Foreign Language or Elective		3
Semester Total		12
Total Units		60

Program Requirements

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

To earn an AA/AS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AA/AS (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements ²		
<i>English</i>		3-6
Including ENG 102 or ENG 114 ¹		
<i>Fine Arts</i>		3
Required ENG 202		
<i>Humanities</i>		3
Recommended CH 201 or CH 202		
<i>Mathematics</i>		3
Required MATH 120 or Higher		
<i>Science (1 Lab Required)</i>		6
Note: if you choose a 4 unit Lab Science the additional unit will count as an elective.		
Required ENV 101		
<i>Social Science</i>		3
Required COM 113		
Additional College Requirements		
<i>Diversity ⁴</i>		3
Required EDU 203		
<i>Foreign Language ³</i>		0-14
<i>U.S. and Nevada Constitutions</i>		3
Recommended CH 203		
Degree Requirements		
EDU 202	Introduction to Secondary Education	3
ENG 205	Intro to Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry	3
ENG 281	Introduction to Language	3
ENG 298	Writing About Literature	3
JOUR 107	Media Writing	3
Electives		1-15
Students should choose electives based on which transfer institution they plan to attend.		
EDU 214	Preparing Teachers to Use Technology ⁵	
ENG 231	World Literature I ⁵	
ENG 232	World Literature II ⁵	

PHIL 135	Introduction to Ethics ⁶
PSY 233	Child Psychology ⁵
Total Units	60

- ¹ If you place into ENG 102/ENG 114, the additional 3 required units will become elective credit.
- ² See the approved General Education (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>) page for a complete list of courses.
- ³ Please Note: Students transferring to NSU do not need to meet foreign language requirement. Students transferring to UNR must complete the requirement. For all other transfer institutions please refer to their requirements.

Options to Complete the Foreign Language Requirement:

- Complete a fourth-semester transferable college course in a foreign language.
- Complete a fourth-semester transferable college course in American Sign Language (AM).
- Demonstrate proficiency through a means determined by the Humanities Department (<https://www.tmcc.edu/humanities/>) including but not limited to minimum standardized test scores (CBAPE, SAT II, or IB), attaining a minimum aptitude on an accredited foreign language assessment test or providing transcript evidence of a high school or equivalent diploma in which English was not the language of instruction. Students interested in taking a placement examination should contact the TMCC Testing Services (<https://www.tmcc.edu/testing/>) at 775-673-8241 for information.

Note: Four years of high school foreign language instruction does not automatically satisfy this requirement.

Students who have proficiency in a foreign language that is equivalent to that of students who have completed four semesters of college-level foreign language may be eligible to waive this requirement. Students will be required to provide appropriate documentation to the department to support this claim. Contact the Humanities Department (<https://www.tmcc.edu/humanities/>) at 775-674-7945 or TMCC Academic Advising (<https://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/>) at 775-673-7062 for information. **Please note that the waiver is only for Truckee Meadow Community College and may not be honored at any other college.**

Additional elective credits may be necessary to meet the total degree requirements.

- ⁴ May also be used to satisfy another General Education, Degree/Emphasis, or Elective requirement.
- ⁵ Course is part of 2+2 agreement with NSU. This course is not needed for UNR.
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1. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and the structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for students.
2. The teacher understands how children learn and develop, and can provide learning opportunities that support their intellectual, social, and personal development.
3. The teacher understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners.
4. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.
5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.
6. The teacher uses knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.
7. The teacher plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, the community, and curriculum goals.
8. The teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continuous intellectual, social and physical development of the learner.
9. The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (students, parents, and other professionals in the learning community) and who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.
10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents, and agencies in the larger community to support students' learning and well-being.

Transfer Agreements

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. General information about general transfer agreements can be found on the Academic Advisement website (<https://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/transfer-students/transfer-agreements/>). Students who intend to transfer to another college or university should speak with a TMCC Academic Advisor and consult with that institution. The transfer institution determines how TMCC courses will transfer. TMCC has agreements with the following institutions towards a bachelor's degree in the same or similar discipline.

- Nevada State College (<https://nsc.edu/admissions/transfer2state/transfer-agreements/>)
- University of Nevada, Reno (<https://www.unr.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/transfer-agreements/>)

Program Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

PSLO1: Demonstrate the scope of knowledge and skills based on the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) standards.

The INTASC standards are: