The Associate in Arts Program

Join approximately 800 students from around the state earning their Associate in Arts degree in the University of Delaware’s Associate in Arts Program!

The Associate in Arts Program (AAP) offers Delaware residents the opportunity to pursue a UD Associate in Arts (AA) degree at a UD satellite campus before transitioning to a bachelor’s degree program in Newark. This non-residential program is housed at the University of Delaware Downtown Center in Wilmington and the UD Academic Centers on the campuses of Delaware Technical Community College in Wilmington, Dover and Georgetown.

Designed to be completed in two years, the AAP begins with a freshman seminar intended to promote academic success, along with coursework in mathematics, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and languages. Students plan an individualized course of study and choose from a wide variety of UD classes taught by UD faculty in a close-knit community. These courses simultaneously fulfill the AA degree requirements and the core requirements for majors leading to the bachelor’s degree.

AAP graduates enjoy an uninterrupted transition from the AA degree program to a bachelor’s degree program on the Newark campus their junior year.

All students enrolled in the Associate in Arts Program receive dedicated advisement and academic support services. Individual math tutoring and writing instruction are also available. An AA degree can be a valuable intermediate goal, leading to the timely completion of a four-year baccalaureate degree. AAP graduates are guaranteed eligibility to continue study for a University of Delaware BA degree in many of the traditional liberal arts majors including English, history, psychology, biological sciences and many others.

Like all UD students, AAP graduates are eligible to pursue degrees in any of the University’s seven colleges: Agriculture and Natural Resources, Arts and Sciences, Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, Earth, Ocean, & Environment, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Health Sciences.
Benefits of the Associate in Arts Program

- AAP students pay a substantially lower tuition. Eligible AAP students can take advantage of the state of Delaware’s Student Excellence Equals Degree (SEED) scholarship and pay no tuition during the fall and spring semesters in the program.

- AAP students enjoy small classes—no AAP class enrolls more than 35 students.

- AAP students receive close advisement from full-time professional academic advisors who are skilled instructors dedicated to their students’ success.

- AAP students may take classes in Newark during winter and summer sessions.

- AAP students have full access to the Morris Library and many other Newark campus resources.

- AAP students are encouraged to attend sporting, cultural and social events in Newark just like their Newark campus peers.

- AAP students have the option to participate in study abroad, alternative spring break, internships and other programs offered on the Newark campus, including ROTC, the marching band and student organizations.

- AAP students in Sussex County may pursue an Associate’s degree in Early Teacher Education.

The Associate in Arts Program is designed to encourage successful completion of the Associate in Arts degree and to allow a smooth transition to baccalaureate studies on the Newark campus.