

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (FORT JACKSON), A.A.

The USC Fort Jackson Program is designed for and awards Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees to active-duty military personnel (all branches), their spouses, Department of Defense civilian employees, National Guard members, reservists, and veterans who have earned 60 hours of credit and completed the requirements that follow. Civilians, including Columbia-campus students, are welcome to take courses on a space-available basis, but they may not earn these associate degrees.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- Identify and analyze issues, develop logical and persuasive arguments, and communicate ideas clearly for a variety of audiences and purposes through writing.
- Apply the methods of mathematical, statistical, or analytical reasoning to critically evaluate data, solve problems, and effectively communicate findings verbally and graphically.
- Apply the principles and language of the natural sciences and associated technologies to historical and contemporary issues.
- Communicate in more than one language.
- Use the principles of historical thinking to understand past human societies.
- Use the principles of the social sciences to explore diverse cultural identities and to analyze political and environmental issues.
- Create or interpret literary, visual or performing arts.

AND be able to demonstrate at least ONE of the following:

- Identify and analyze issues, develop logical and persuasive arguments, and communicate ideas clearly for a variety of audiences and purposes through speaking.
- Collect, manage and evaluate information using technology, and communicate findings.
- Examine different kinds of social and personal values, analyzing the ways in which these are manifested in communities as well as individual lives.