

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (FORT JACKSON), A.S.

Degree Requirements

Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/>).

Carolina Core - 15 Hours

These serve as general education requirements common to all associate degrees.

CMW – Effective, Engaged and Persuasive Communication: Writing (6 Hours)

Must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- any CMW course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

SCI – Scientific Literacy (3 Hours)

- any SCI course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 Hours)

- any GHS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 Hours)

- any GSS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

Associate of Science Degree Curriculum - 60 Hours

- Basic Requirements
- Electives

Requirements (including 15 hours of Carolina Core stated above) (38-42 Hours)

All course selections are from the approved Carolina Core Learning Outcomes list unless otherwise specified.

CMW – Effective, Engaged and Persuasive Communication: Writing (6 Hours)

Must be passed with a grade of C or higher

ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving (6 Hours)

- Choose from MATH, CSCE, PHIL, STAT including MATH 111 or MATH 115

SCI – Scientific Literacy (8-12 Hours)

- Must include at least 2 laboratory science courses

GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-3 Hours)

- One 3-hour language course at any level or score of “2” on placement exam

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 Hours)

- any GHS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (6 Hours)

- any GSS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 Hours)

- any AIU course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

Choose ONE of the following three options:

- CMS – Effective, Engaged and Persuasive Communication: Speech (3 Hours)
- INF – Information Literacy (3 Hours)
- VSR – Values, Ethics and Social Responsibility (3 Hours)

Electives for A.S. Degrees (18-22 Hours)

Electives may be any additional courses not used to fulfill the previously stated requirements. Students who intend to apply these credits toward a baccalaureate degree awarded by another campus or institution are advised to work closely with an academic advisor to choose electives that will meet preliminary requirements of the four-year major they wish to pursue. Of particular importance is completion of general education requirements. USC Columbia requires a minimum of 31 general education credit hours and a student planning to pursue a USC Columbia baccalaureate degree must complete these hours. These hours can be incorporated within the 60 hours required for an AA or AS degree when electives are carefully selected. Applying for an associate's degree does not in any manner affect eligibility to apply for a baccalaureate degree, and vice versa.

Other Requirements

In addition to the requirements for the A.A. and A.S. degrees stated above, the following stipulations also apply:

- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better (does not include course grades earned by challenge examinations).
- The final 15 semester hours must be earned at USC.
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees.

- Pass-Fail option on elective courses is allowed.
- No more than 15 hours of nontraditional credits, which include DANTES, CLEP, and military experience.
- No more than 3 1-hour PEDU activity courses may count toward meeting Associate's degree requirements (any track).

Second Associate's Degree

At times the University of South Carolina Ft. Jackson confers a second associate's degree upon candidates who have completed all requirements for the second degree, provided that the additional requirements for the second degree include a minimum of 12 semester hours beyond those required for the first degree earned at USC Ft. Jackson and a minimum of 72 semester hours total. Under this policy a student may apply for two degrees at one time or separately. In either case the student would receive two diplomas.