



Century College Policy

3.17.0.1 Requirements for Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

3.36.1.3 Requirements for Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates Procedure

AFA, AS, and AAS degrees require a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 for:

- Century College cumulative college-level courses
- Career and occupational courses
- All Century College courses counting toward the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)
- If a student does not have a 2.00 MnTC GPA or no MnTC GPA at Century College (due to transfer), the MnTC GPA may be calculated using all Century College and transfer MnTC courses

Diplomas and certificates require a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 for:

- Century College cumulative college-level courses
- Career and occupational courses
- Century College or transfer Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) course(s) required for the award
- If a student does not have a 2.00 MnTC GPA or no MnTC GPA at Century College (due to transfer), the MnTC GPA may be calculated using all Century College and transfer MnTC courses

The Associate of Arts degree, MnTC Notation and any award that includes the core 40 credit MnTC require a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 for:

- Century College cumulative college-level courses
- Career and occupational courses, when required
- All courses, Century College and transferred, counting toward the MnTC

The awards are structured as follows:

Certificates -	9 to 30 semester credits Fewer than 9 semester credits	Standard When approved for waiver of the 9-credit minimum by the System Office
Diplomas -	31 to 45 semester credits 31 to 48 semester credits course is included. More than 45 technical credits	Standard When at least one MnTC When additional competency development is required for accreditation or by an outside regulatory agency.
Degrees -	Minimum of 60 credits	Standard

Distribution of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) Requirements in Century College Degrees:

Associate of Arts **40 MnTC semester credits, distributed as follows:**

Goal 1: Communication

Minimum of 10 credits including ENGL 1020/1021, ENGL 1022, and at least one 3-credit Communication course from COMM 1021, 1031, 1041, or 1051.

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Fulfilled when all MnTC goals are complete.

Goal 3: Sciences

Minimum of 7 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines, with at least one lab course.

Goal 4: Math/Logical Reasoning

Minimum of 3 credits. Courses must be numbered between Math 1020 and 1082, or PHIL 1041.

Goal 5: History/Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Minimum of 9 credits. Three courses from three different disciplines.

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts

Minimum of 9 credits. Three courses from three different disciplines, at least one of which must be a literature course.

Goals 7-10: Theme Goals

Three credits in each of four Goals 7-10.

NOTE: Theme goals may be fulfilled by courses from Goals 1-6, since many of those courses also meet Goals 7-10, or can be fulfilled with additional courses listed separately under Goals 7-10.

Associate of Fine Arts – Art

30 MnTC semester credits, distributed as follows:

Goal 1: Communication

Minimum of 7 credits including ENGL 1020/1021, and at least one 3-credit Communication course from COMM 1021, 1031, 1041, or 1051.

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Fulfilled when all MnTC goals for this degree are complete.

Goal 3 and/or 4: Sciences/ Math/Logical Reasoning

Minimum of 6 credits; two courses from either Goal 3 and/or Goal 4.
NOTE: Goal 3 courses do not have to be lab courses. Goal 4 courses must be numbered between Math 1020 and 1082, or PHIL 1041.

Goal 5: History/Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Minimum of 6 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines.

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts

Minimum of 6 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines.

Goals 7-10: Theme Goals

Three credits in each of two Goals 7-10.

NOTE: Theme goals may be fulfilled by courses from Goals 1-6, since many of those courses also meet Goals 7-10, or can be fulfilled with additional courses listed separately under Goals 7-10.

Associate of Fine Arts – Music

30 MnTC semester credits, distributed as follows:

Goal 1: Communication

Minimum of 7 credits including ENGL 1020/1021, and at least one 3-credit Communication course from COMM 1021, 1031, 1041, or 1051.

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Fulfilled when all MnTC goals for this degree are completed.

Goal 3 and/or 4: Sciences/ Math/Logical Reasoning

Minimum of 6 credits; two courses from either Goal 3 and/or Goal 4.
NOTE: Goal 3 courses do not have to be lab courses. Goal 4 courses must be numbered between Math 1020 and 1082, or PHIL 1041.

Goal 5: History/Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Minimum of 6 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines.

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts

Minimum of 6 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines.

Goals 7-10: Theme Goals

Three credits in each of two Goals 7-10.

NOTE: Theme goals may be fulfilled by courses from Goals 1-6, since many of those courses also meet Goals 7-10, or can be fulfilled with additional courses listed separately under Goals 7-10.

Associate of Fine Arts – Theater
distributed as follows:

40 MnTC semester credits,

Goal 1: Communication

Minimum of 10 credits including ENGL 1020/1021, ENGL 1022, and at least one 3-credit Communication course from COMM 1021, 1031, 1041, or 1051.

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Fulfilled when all MnTC goals are complete.

Goal 3: Sciences

Minimum of 7 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines, with at least one lab course.

Goal 4: Math/Logical Reasoning

Minimum of 3 credits. Courses must be numbered between Math 1020 and 1082, or PHIL 1041.

Goal 5: History/Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Minimum of 9 credits. Three courses from three different disciplines.

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts

Minimum of 9 credits. Three courses from three different disciplines, at least one of which must be a literature course.

Goals 7-10: Theme Goals

Three credits in each of four Goals 7-10.

NOTE: Theme goals may be fulfilled by courses from Goals 1-6, since many of those courses also meet Goals 7-10, or can be fulfilled with additional courses listed separately under Goals 7-10.

Associate of Science

30 MnTC semester credits, distributed as follows:

Goal 1: Communication

Minimum of 7 credits including ENGL 1020/1021, and at least one 3-credit Communication course from COMM 1021, 1031, 1041, or 1051.

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Fulfilled when all MnTC goals for this degree are complete.

Goal 3 and/or 4: Sciences/ Math/Logical Reasoning

Minimum of 6 credits; two courses from either Goal 3 and/or Goal 4.
NOTE: Goal 3 courses do not have to be lab courses. Goal 4 courses must be numbered between Math 1020 and 1082, or PHIL 1041.

Goal 5: History/Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Minimum of 6 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines.

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts

Minimum of 6 credits. Two courses from two different disciplines.

Goals 7-10: Theme Goals

Three credits in each of two Goals 7-10.

NOTE: Theme goals may be fulfilled by courses from Goals 1-6, since many of those courses also meet Goals 7-10, or can be fulfilled with additional courses listed separately under Goals 7-10.

Associate of Applied Science

20 MnTC semester credits, distributed as follows*:

Goal 1: Communication

Minimum of 7 credits including ENGL 1020/1021, and at least one 3-credit Communication course from COMM 1021, 1031, 1041, or 1051.

Goal 2: Critical Thinking

Fulfilled when all MnTC goals for this degree are complete.

Goal 3 and/or 4: Sciences/ Math/Logical Reasoning

Minimum of 3 credits; one course from either Goal 3 and/or Goal 4.

NOTE: Goal 3 courses do not have to be lab courses. Goal 4 courses must be numbered between Math 1020 and 1082, or PHIL 1041.

Goal 5: History/Social and Behavioral Sciences:

Minimum of 3 credits.

Goal 6: Humanities and Fine Arts

Minimum of 3 credits.

Goals 7-10: Theme Goals

Three credits in one of Goals 7-10.

NOTE: Theme goals may be fulfilled by courses from Goals 1-6, since many of those courses also meet Goals 7-10, or can be fulfilled with additional courses listed separately under Goals 7-10.

***This requirement may be reduced to 16-19 semester credits, if the 20-semester credit standard is waived by the Century College Academic Affairs and Standards Council**

Although not required, programs that offer certificates and/or diplomas are encouraged to include MnTC courses in the requirements for those awards.

Degrees

Century College offers four degrees: Associate of Arts, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of Science and Associate of Applied Science. All four degrees are at least 60 college-level credits in length, and have the following in common:

1. At least 15 credits must be earned at Century College. A grade of "C" or higher in ENGL 1020/1021.

Diplomas

All diplomas are 31 to 45 credits in length (exceptions may be granted by Century College and/or the System Office), and have the following in common:

1. At least one third of the required credits must be earned at Century College.
2. A grade of "C" or higher is required if ENGL 1020/1021 is taken.

Certificates

Century College offers certificates in academic, occupational, and advanced technical fields. Century certificates are 4 to 30 credits in length and have the following in common:

1. At least one third of the required credits must be earned at Century College.
2. A grade of "C" or higher is required if ENGL 1020/1021 is taken.

Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) Notation

To receive an MnTC notation of *Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Awarded* on the Century College transcript, students must have: 1) attended at least one semester and completed at least one college-level course at Century College; 2) earned a minimum of 40 college-level credits; 3) fulfilled the appropriate distribution of credits from all ten MnTC goal areas (as outlined under the Associate of Arts section above); and 4) earned a minimum MnTC GPA of 2.00, including all transfer MnTC courses.

References:

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