

- **Non-degree students** are those who are not in any academic program.

Class Hours

Day classes are usually 50 minutes in length on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 75 minutes on Tuesday and Thursday. Evening and some Saturday classes are usually three hours. Some Saturday and Sunday courses are 10 weeks long and typically four hours in length.

Concurrent Curricula

The College allows students to be enrolled simultaneously (concurrent curricula) in both a certificate and a degree program at the student's request before the completion of the certificate requirements, or in two degree programs at the student's request before the completion of the first degree. Students should complete a program modification form with an Academic Counselor in the Advisement & Counseling Center to be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Core Curriculum

The Core is the center of our curriculum. It is a group of required courses that will help students gain a foundation of knowledge, skills, and proficiencies that we believe every graduate of Massasoit should possess. This Core will assure employers and transfer colleges that our graduates have pursued a liberal arts education that is college level in the areas of communication, mathematics, science, social science, and humanities.

A major benefit of the Core Curriculum is that it has been carefully designed to ensure that students develop the prerequisite and co-requisite skills needed to succeed in a degree program. The Core does not pertain to certificate programs unless otherwise specified by the individual program. The Core is competency-based. If a student is able to demonstrate that he or she already possesses these skills, he or she will be allowed to select courses of a higher level and/or a greater diversity of subject matter. A series of assessment tests will be employed to determine each student's level of ability. Test results will dictate whether a student will be exempt from certain courses or placed in courses to assist the student in gaining the skills he or she needs.

Preparing for College Reading I and II, Fundamentals of Math, Introductory Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, and Introductory Writing do not fulfill Core requirements and are not credited toward the completion of an associate degree. They are required for students who demonstrate insufficient skill on the mathematics, reading, and writing assessment tests. If students believe the scores on the assessment tests are not an accurate indicator of their skills, they may request retesting twice during the initial semester.

Placement test scores are valid for a period of one year. Students who take and who score over 500 on the SAT Critical Reading exam are exempt from the reading tests. Students who take the Writing exam and receive a score of 10 or higher are exempt from both the reading and writing tests and are placed into ENGL 101 English Composition I. All students must take the mathematics placement test. It is strongly recommended that students who place into Introductory Writing, Preparing for College Reading I or II, Introductory Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, and/or Fundamentals of Mathematics take these courses immediately upon entrance to the College.

Finally, the Core Curriculum has been designed to assist students to gain knowledge and skills that enhance and complement those of their chosen field. It will broaden life interests and equip a student to make more effective use of our world throughout life. We believe that it will help each student to keep growing as a person. We are proud of our Core Curriculum and trust that students, too, will share our belief when they have engaged in it. Students should carefully note developmental prerequisites for individual courses.

There are three Cores: one for Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees; one for Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees; and one for Associate in Arts (A.A.) degrees. The minimum Core components for each are listed below.

Minimum Core Requirements

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.):

- 6 communications credits
- 3 quantitative credits
- 3 or 4 science credits
- 3 social science/humanities credits
- 6 liberal arts credits

Associate in Science (A.S.):

- 6 communications credits
- 3 quantitative credits
- 3 or 4 science credits
- 3 social science/humanities credits
- 6 liberal arts credits

Associate in Arts (A.A.):

- 6 communications credits
- 3 oral communication credits
- 3 quantitative credits
- 7 science credits
- 9 social science credits
- 6 humanities credits

Additional information concerning the Core Curriculum may be obtained by contacting the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.