

# TECHNICAL STUDIES, ATS

## Associate of Technical Studies (230000ATS)

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### Program Information

The A.T.S. degree is designed to create an individualized, technical associate program using planned or previously earned technical coursework. There are two types of A.T.S. degrees, Type A and Type B.

The Type A ATS degree is a coherent combination of technical courses selectively drawn from two or more programs currently offered by the University of Akron to serve a career objective which would not be adequately addressed by one of those existing programs. Students are building their program primarily from University of Akron courses and generally have not earned credit as specified in the Ohio Career-Technical Credit Transfer (CT)<sup>2</sup>. Students may plan a course of study by working with the ATS degree coordinator to create a planned course of study consisting of 30 technical credits by selecting available technical courses from at least two areas. When combined, these courses must be aligned to meet a clearly identifiable career objective. Additionally, the career objective must be distinct from any other technical programs offered at the University of Akron. Transfer courses received may also be applicable to the career objective. Use of transfer credit would depend on appropriateness to the career objective. General education courses fulfill the remaining credits and meet the associate degree requirements.

The Type B ATS degree enables students to combine certifications (state, national, vendor), earned through an educational entity or a place of employment, along with general education courses to meet the associate degree requirements.

For information about the one-year Associate of Technical Studies degree, contact Kelly Herold, Director of Educational Outreach.

The following information has official approval of the **The Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (Stellic) which is definitive for graduation requirements. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Transfer students should consult their Advisor to identify courses that are equivalent.

## Requirements Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirement	21
	Additional Requirements	39
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

## General Education Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
	Writing Requirement	6
	Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic Requirement <sup>1</sup>	3
	Speaking Requirement	3
	Natural Science Requirement	3
	Social Science Requirement	6
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>21</b>

## Additional Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	Block Credits <sup>3</sup>	8-30
	General Electives <sup>2</sup>	31-9
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>39</b>

<sup>1</sup> The mathematics requirement varies by department. Please consult an adviser for specific requirements. (Students enrolling in a higher-level mathematics course may use it to meet their General Education requirement.) See General Education requirements for listing of courses.

<sup>2</sup> In the technical studies program, a student is encouraged to complete general education requirements as electives.

<sup>3</sup> Students must follow one of the plans below for the block credits.

Type A: A coherent combination of technical courses totaling a minimum of 30 semester credit hours from two or more programs currently offered by the University of Akron to serve a career objective which would not be adequately addressed by one of those existing programs, OR

Type B: Up to 30 credits of block credit from licensure in a technical field including but not limited to: Automotive/Collision Repair, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, HVAC, Insurance, Massotherapy, Real Estate, US Military Service, Welding.

Students interested in this degree must consult with degree coordinator prior to admission to this program. Block Credits and Elective Credits are subject to approval.

## Recommended Sequence

1st Year		
Fall Semester		Hours
ENGL 111 or ENGL 110	English Composition I or English Composition I + Workshop	3-4
	Math Requirement <sup>1</sup>	3
	Social Science Requirement	6
	Natural Science Requirement without Lab	3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>15-16</b>

**Spring Semester**

ENGL 112 or ENGL 222	English Composition II or Technical Report Writing	3
COMM 105	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
	Electives <sup>2,3</sup>	9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**2nd Year****Fall Semester**

	Electives <sup>2,3</sup>	15
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Spring Semester**

	Electives <sup>2,3</sup>	15
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60-61</b>

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**Total University of Akron Credits = 30 minimum**

**Block Credits = minimum of 8 up to 30<sup>3</sup>**

**Electives = minimum of 9 up to 31 credits**

**Total Credits for Degree = 60 minimum**

**Policy Alert:** By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you must have completed your required General Education English, Mathematics, and Communications (Speech) requirements.