

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Through rigorous and practical curricula, we create for people a new hope for the future, by investing in lives through learning pathways that are Christ-centered, flexible, and accessible.

The associate degree programs equip students with knowledge, attitudes, and skills to successfully contribute as responsible members of their communities, both local and global, through learning, working, and living in God's created world. These skills include a working knowledge of liberal arts and sciences, written and oral communication skills, critical thinking abilities, and introductory study in an applied or professional field. The knowledge, attitudes, and skills are necessary for lifelong learning and for more advanced studies at the bachelor's level.

Serving as a bridge to LAPU's bachelor's degree programs, the 60-credit associate programs offer students a broad and integrative foundation in the liberal arts or discipline-specific skills. Informed by an explicitly Christian worldview the curriculum lays the foundation for knowledge of biblical concepts and ideas, human cultures, the physical and natural world, intellectual and practical skills, personal and social responsibility, and integrative and applied learning.

The 60-credit associate degree curriculum includes the following categories of coursework:

- 34 credits of LAPU Core Requirements
- 26 credits in the discipline (which include 1-8 credits of electives):
 - **Current degree offerings**
 - Health Science (A.S.) (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/ad/as/>)
 - Humanities (A.A.) (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/ad/aa/>)

General Requirements for an Associate Degree

Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.)

- A cumulative local GPA (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/policy/min-gpa/>) of 2.0.
- A minimum of 60 semester credits (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/policy/progress/>).
- Satisfaction of LAPU residency (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/policy/residency/>) requirements by completing the following in residence:
 - At least 18 credits.
 - Any required courses designated as "Must be taken at LAPU".
- Completion of the LAPU Core (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/programs/core/>) which includes
 - The general education curriculum requirements.
 - The LAPU Distinctives.
- Completion of the requirements of an associate degree program (p. 1).
- Submission of the Intent (<https://catalog.lapu.edu/undergrad/policy/intent/>) to *Graduate* form.

