NEW MEXICO Public Education Department

Sample Degree Pathway: Associate of Arts

Instructions:

Pathway Planning and Course Selection: This illustrative pathway demonstrates one approach to meeting New Mexico high school graduation requirements while earning transferable college credits toward an associate degree. Schools may adapt course selections and sequencing in collaboration with their postsecondary partner to meet applicable local requirements and associate degree requirements.

When dual credit courses are proposed to replace required high school academic core courses, the LEA must document alignment with applicable New Mexico academic standards using a standards alignment crosswalk. See the **Core Course Replacement: Standards Alignment Crosswalk Instructions and Template** under the Academic Pathways section of the NM ECHS Toolkit.

Reminder: **Middle School Students Earning High School Credit**

New Mexico | NMSA Section 22-13-1.1 | Revised July 2025In accordance with HB171 (NMSA Section 22-13-1.1), middle school students may only earn high school credit for the following courses: Algebra I, Geometry, and Health.

	High School Course Code & Course Name	College Course Name & Course Code	High School Credit	College Credit Hours	Notes: Prerequisites, Credential Outcome, Next Steps
Freshman Year					
	1001 English Language Arts I		1.0		Course sequencing in this illustrative pathway assumes a block schedule. Schools should adjust sequencing to reflect their schedules and student needs.
	1002 English Language Arts II		1.0		
	2031 Algebra I or 2041 Algebra II		1.0		College Algebra may be an option for Algebra II students who meet the postsecondary institution's prerequisites and placement requirements.
	1711 Biology		1.0		
	2717 NM History/ Career Development or Health		.5/.5		
	2305 Required PE		1.0		
	Pathway Elective	FYEX 1110	1.0	3	NMSU Course Code for Freshman Experience. This course will satisfy a high school elective credit.
	0892 AVID 9 **or** Pathway Elective		1.0		
	Total Credits Earned		**8.0**	**3**	
Sophomore Year					
	1003 English Language Arts		1.0		There is no dual credit replacement for English III.
	2034 Geometry		1.0		
	2041 Algebra II	MATH1220G College Algebra	1.0	3	College Algebra may be an option for students who meet the

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	1721 Chemistry		1.0		
	2706 World History	HIST1130G World History I	1.0	3	This course may satisfy a high school World History requirement.
	High School Elective	COMM1115G Intro to Communication	1.0	3	This course may satisfy a high school elective requirement.
	High School Elective or	SPAN 1110 Elementary Spanish	1.0	4	This course may satisfy college foreign language or transfer requirements, depending on the receiving institution.
	High School Elective	PSYC1110G Psychology	1.0	3	
	Total Credits Earned		**8**	**16**	
Junior Year					
		ENGL111G English Composition I	1.0	4	This course may be applied toward an applicable high school graduation requirement beyond English III, subject to NMPED graduation requirements and local school district approval.
		DC Math Course	1.0	3	* If College Algebra is not completed in Grade 10, identify an eligible dual credit math course that meets the applicable high school graduation requirement.
		DC Laboratory Science	1.0	4	This course may satisfy a high school laboratory science credit.
	2729 U.S. History/ Geography	HIST 1110G – U.S. History I	1.0	3	This course may satisfy the required U.S. History credit for high school.
	High School Foreign Language Credit	SPAN 1120 Elementary Spanish	1.0	4	This course may satisfy a college second-level foreign language requirement, depending on the receiving institution's degree or transfer requirements.
		ART1110G Orientation in Art, or THEA1110G Introduction to Theatre, or MUSC 1110G Music Appreciation	1.0	3	This course will satisfy a high school elective credit.
	High School Elective - WBL		1.0		

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	High School Elective - WBL		1.0		
	Total Credits Earned		**8.0**	**21**	
Senior Year					
	2730 U.S. Government/ Economics		1.0		
		Engl 2210G Professional and Technical Communication	1.0	3	This course will satisfy a high school elective credit.
		DC Math Course, MATH1350G, Intro to Statistics	1.0	3	This course may satisfy a high school math credit.
		PHIL 1115G Intro to Philosophy	1.0	3	This course will satisfy a high school elective credit.
		Econ1110G Survey of Economics	1.0	3	This course will satisfy a high school elective credit.
	High School Elective	DC Elective	1.0	3	
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	Total Credits Earned		**8**	**21**	
	Total credits earned upon program graduation:		**High School 32**	**College 61**	

☐ Students who successfully complete the pathway above will have the credits required to graduate from high school as indicated in NM Statute 22-13-1.1.

☐ Students who successfully complete the pathway above will have 12 (or more) transferable college credits.

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