What are the benefits of earning an Associate of Arts (AA) degree?

Do you dream of earning a four-year degree in the social sciences or humanities? You can begin that journey at Tri-C® by earning an AA — a flexible two-year degree designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree. Common majors for AA transfers include:

- Anthropology
- Communication studies
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Foreign languages
- Geography
- History
- Humanities
- Philosophy
- Political science
- Psychology
- Religious studies
- Sociology
- Urban studies
- Women's studies

Meet with an academic counselor to plan a course of study that will satisfy your transfer requirements.

What are the benefits of the Online Associate of Arts program?

The Online AA offers the same quality programming as the traditional AA, with several added benefits:

- The flexibility of online courses — study when and where it fits into your schedule.
- Dedicated support from a program manager to help you navigate College processes.
- Priority registration.

What are the requirements for entry into the Online AA program?

For acceptance into the Online Associate of Arts program, you must complete a Tri-C application, be accepted as a student, and work through the full enrollment process.

If a continuing student would like to apply, they should email their S-number to Andy Sokolich at onlineaa@tri-c.edu. They will receive a response regarding the status of their inquiry once their file is reviewed.

How do I indicate that I want to be in this program on my application?

To indicate your interest, select "Associate of Arts" as your desired major on the Tri-C application. Once your application is processed, you will receive an email notification and an acceptance letter via U.S. Mail with your Tri-C student ID number. You will also receive an email asking if you are interested in the Online Associate of Arts. Click the "Yes, I'm Interested" button in the email and follow the instructions.

The application asks me for a preferred campus, but there is no online option. Which campus do I select?

Please select the campus that is closest to your current location as your campus of choice.

The application asks for my high school information, but I do not live in Ohio. What do I enter?

If you graduated from a high school outside of Ohio, type "Out of State/Foreign" in the High School field.

If I test into developmental math and/or English, can I still enter the program?

Yes, you can! There are a limited number of developmental math and English courses and co-requisites available in an online format.

I am a continuing or returning student. Am I eligible for the Online AA program?

Yes, current and returning students seeking an Associate of Arts degree are eligible.
Email Andy Sokolich at onlineaa@tri-c.edu with your S-Number if you are interested in switching to the online program.

Can I complete 100% of my courses online?

Yes. The Ohio Department of Education now allows the College to offer some natural and physical science labs entirely online. Be sure to register for fully online lab sections to satisfy this requirement.

Can I still take some courses in person?

Yes. Although Online AA students must complete at least 90% of their coursework online, you may choose to take the remaining 10% in person.

Can I take my placement tests online?

English placement testing can be completed online by scheduling an appointment through the Testing Center.
Math placement testing must be completed on campus in a proctored setting. Visit the Testing Center website for instructions or to schedule an appointment.

What are the technology requirements for the Online AA program?

A full list of technology requirements for online learning is available on the Online Learning and Technology website. Please ensure the equipment you plan to use for your coursework meets these requirements.

How much does the Online AA program cost?

The cost is based on Tri-C's Tuition and Fee Schedule. Out-of-county and out-of-state tuition surcharges apply.

Tri-C's Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office is dedicated to helping students navigate financial aid options for their college expenses. Speak with a Student Financial Aid advisor to obtain information about financial aid options including grants, scholarships, student loans and public benefits.

Will my transcript indicate that I completed my degree online?

No. The Online AA appears identical to the traditional AA on our transcripts.

The schedule offers several different course modalities. What does each one mean, and which should I select?

Beginning in Fall 2020, Tri-C will offer a range of modality options for students:

- **Online with no set meeting times (DWB)**
  Fully online; does not require live participation at specific times.

- **Online with web meeting times (DWS)**
  Fully online; requires participation in live classes on specific days at specific times (see course schedule).

- **Online with some on-campus meetings (DWH)**
  Mainly online; some on-campus meetings required to use specialized labs or equipment. Students must wear face coverings and practice safe distancing when visiting campus.

- **On-campus with set meeting times (MEET)**
  Classes meet on campus; no online component. Days/times listed on course schedule. Students must wear face coverings and practice safe distancing when visiting campus.

Online AA students should register for DWB or DWS courses, as they take place fully online. If you prefer the flexibility to study when it fits your schedule, select DWB sections. If you like interacting with your instructor and classmates during set meeting times, select DWS sections.

How long will it take to complete my degree?

It depends on the number of credits you take each semester. The AA degree requires 60 credits to complete. Tri-C considers 12 credits or more per semester full-time enrollment; anything less is part time. We recommend working with a counselor to develop an academic plan that fits your schedule.

- **Full-time enrollment**
  To complete your degree in two years, you must earn 30 credits per academic year (fall, spring, summer*). You can break them up however you like, as long as you register for at least 12 credits each fall and spring. **If you do not to register for summer sessions, it may take longer than two years to complete your degree.*

- **Part-time enrollment**
  Time to completion can vary greatly among part-time students, depending on the number of credits earned each semester. *To complete your degree in four years, you must earn 15 credits per academic year* (fall, spring, summer).

What are my options for transfer after completing my Online AA?

The Online AA degree includes a set of general education courses that are guaranteed to transfer to any public institution of higher education in Ohio. These courses are part of the Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36). Visit Tri-C's Transfer Resources page to learn more about the OT36 and other specific transfer opportunities. We also recommend working with a counselor to develop an academic plan based on your intended area of study.