

Associate of Science (AS) Degrees

Students seeking an Associate of Science (AS) degree from Normandale Community College must successfully complete the degree requirements determined by the specific program, which include 30 credits from at least six MnTC Goals.

Other Graduation Requirements:

Complete the specific major requirements.

- Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher for college-level coursework completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum of 20 college level classes at Normandale.

Individualized Professional Studies (AS)

(Pending Approval)

This degree program is designed for working adults and/or students who have well-defined career goals. The program is intended to provide students with the opportunity to develop specific competencies and earn an Associate of Science degree in career fields that are not available through existing degree programs at Normandale Community College. This program is not intended to provide certification in any field.

The program requires submission of a written degree plan initiated by the student with assistance from the Dean of Business, PLAN coordinator or an academic counselor/faculty member. A plan template is used to guide the degree planning process and is submitted to the Dean's Office. Approval of an industry representative must also be demonstrated when the degree plan applies to a specific career field. The plan must also demonstrate transferability to at least one four-year accredited institution, even when it may not be the intention of the student to transfer immediately after completing this degree.

Career-area credits may be earned in traditional courses, independent study projects, PLAN competencies, or internships including Cooperative Education Program internships. Credits may be transferred from other institutions in accord with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' residency requirement for earning the Associate of Science degree.

General Education Requirements: (30 cr)

ENG 1101 Freshman Composition (4)

Complete one of the following courses:

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| COMM 1100 | Intro to Human Communication (3) |
| COMM 1101 | Fundamentals-Public Speaking (3) |
| COMM 1111 | Interpersonal Communication (3) |
| COMM 1121 | Small Group Communication (3) |

Additional requirements:

- One course in MnTC Goal 3 or 4
- One course in MnTC Goal 5
- One course in MnTC Goal 6
- 6 cr from two different MnTC Goals 7-10.
- Additional MnTC courses to reach a minimum of 30 MnTC credits.

Specialized Degree Requirements: (30 cr)

Required for students who incorporate PLAN competencies:

PLAN 1030 Work/Life Planning (2)

The remaining 28 credits will be determined in consultation with Normandale faculty and/or administration. Students not planning to have prior learning evaluated through the PLAN program may be allowed to substitute a different course.

