

Liberal Arts – Open Pathway

Degree Type

Associate of Arts

MISSION

The Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts aspires to create a community of inspired learners by offering challenging courses designed to cultivate scholarly inquiry, social responsibility and academic integrity. Liberal Arts faculty create a rigorous academic environment, characterized by mutual respect and collegiality, in which students are encouraged to discover their true potential and purpose.

The goal of the Liberal Arts program is to engage students in study across multiple disciplines with the goal of cultivating a broad knowledge base and strong skill set that prepares students for the workforce or continued study towards a bachelor's degree. Through study in the arts, humanities, social sciences, mathematics and sciences, students learn to think critically, communicate in multiple mediums, conduct research, solve complex problems, demonstrate ethical reasoning and system thinking, and grow as globally responsible citizens.

TRANSFER

Many students enter into the Liberal Arts Degree Program with the intent of transferring on to a four year college or university. For these individuals, an advisor will work closely to design the program that best meets each student's goals. Requirements of the four-year college will guide some of the course selections made by the student. Future plans and personal areas of interest will also contribute to each student's program design.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the Liberal Arts program, students will be able to:

- Synthesize and apply knowledge from multiple perspectives to evaluate social, ethical, cultural and global issues
- Assimilate a variety of intellectual and practical skills to solve sophisticated problems
- Communicate complex ideas and concepts both orally and in writing across multiple disciplines
- Address real-world problems by exercising mental agility, analytical and creative thinking and interpersonal negotiation
- Develop a foundation sufficient for transfer to a four year college or university

REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirements for the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts degree are as follows:

- College Composition: 3-4 credits
- English Elective: 3-4 credits
- Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language: 9 credits
- Mathematics: 6-8 credits
- Natural or Physical Sciences: 7-8 credits
- Social Sciences: 9 credits
- Liberal Arts Electives 12-15 credits
- Open Electives 9 credits

NOTE: If you have transferred in 3-credit classes, you may need to take an additional course in order to satisfy the 60-credit degree minimum. Please consult with your advisor.

Course Sequencing

First Year: Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL102R	College Composition	3-4
	Social Science Elective	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3
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	Mathematics Elective	3-4

First Year: Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	200-Level English Elective	3-4
	Social Science Elective	3
	Liberal Arts Elective	3-4
	Open Elective	3-4
	Mathematics Elective	3-4

Second Year: Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
	Open Elective	3-4
	Liberal Arts Elective	3-4
	Lab Science Elective	4

Second Year: Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Liberal Arts Elective	3-4
	Open Elective	3-4
	Liberal Arts Elective	3-4
	Lab Science Elective	4