

Liberal Studies

Associate in Arts - 62 or 63 credit hours

Purpose: The Liberal Studies program is designed to provide a foundation of study that prepares students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The curriculum is built on a foundation of general education and electives to develop depth in the background knowledge required for further study. In some cases, where an Associate Degree is an employer's defined minimum credential, the degree serves as a terminal degree for employment.

The program includes a minimum of 60 credits of course work with 31 of the credits comprising a required core of courses and 29 of the credits comprising selected electives transferable to the student's desired baccalaureate program of study.

Career Opportunities: Employment and occupational outlook studies continue to show the value of post-secondary education to a person's career opportunities and earning potential. Many employers look upon the Associate Degree as a minimum requirement for skilled occupations. In addition, the Associate Degree can serve as a platform of accomplishment for pursuing additional education and career goals.

Program Educational Outcomes: Upon completion of the Associate in Arts Degree in the Liberal Studies program, the graduate is prepared to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge in writing, speaking, science, mathematics, computer literacy, the humanities, critical thinking, problem solving, and human-relations in both the professional and personal sphere.
2. Transfer credits earned through completion of the Liberal Studies program to a baccalaureate program at a four-year institution.
3. Pursue technical programs that meet his/her abilities, needs and desires.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills that enhance employment opportunities and earning potential.
5. Enter the workforce, as many employers look upon the Associate Degree as the minimum requirement for skilled occupations.

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English Core - 9 credit hours		
ENG101	College Composition	3
ENG107	Speech	3
ENG212	Introduction to Literature	3
English Electives - Choose 3 credit hours		
ENG180	Children's Literature	3
ENG203	Special Topics in Literature	3
ENG208	Creative Writing	3
ENG209	Shakespeare	3
Math Core – 3 credit hours		
MAT 127	College Algebra	3
Science Core – 4 credit hours		
Students must choose a Laboratory Science course from BIO, SCI, CHY, ENV, or NUT		
Math/Science Electives - Choose 3 or 4 credit hours		
Students may choose any MAT course numbered 115 or higher or an additional Science course from BIO, SCI, CHY, ENV, or NUT		
First Year Experience – 1 credit hour		
FYE 100	First Year Experience	1
Social Science Core - 12 credit hours		
HIS117	World History to 1715	3
HIS119	World History from 1715 to Present	3
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Social Science Elective – Choose 6 credit hours		
HIS112	American History to Reconstruction	3
HIS113	American History from Reconstruction	3
HIS115	Maine History	3
PSC101	American National Government	3
PSY195	Child and Adolescent Development	3
PSY105	Human Relations	3
SOC102	Sociology of the Family	3
Humanities Electives - Choose 6 credit hours		

ART105	Drawing for Beginners	3
PHI115	Ethics	3
PHI101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
SPA101	Introduction to Spanish	3
SPA103	Spanish II	3

Students may also choose as Humanities electives any courses from literature, philosophy, art, history, music, and performing arts beyond those used to meet other requirements.

General Electives 15 Credits

Students are responsible for choosing these courses with the advice of their advisor and the transfer counselor to ensure a seamless 2+2 transfer to their intended baccalaureate major.