ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

The Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum prepares a student to be an accomplished and productive human being. A liberal arts degree opens doors to the professions and to rewarding and responsible careers. Future physicians, teachers, scientists, lawyers, and businessmen, for example, develop themselves as well-rounded individuals, in addition to completing their pre-professional work. The academic experiences in liberal arts and sciences provide the foundation for later specialization, graduate study, and professional school.

The general Associate in Arts (A.A.) provides a well-rounded background and the opportunity to explore a variety of subject areas so that graduates may transfer to the third year of a senior college. Those who wish to pursue a program that allows a greater degree of specialization in the first two years of college may select one of the following options: Education; History; Human Services; International Studies; Media Studies; Performing Arts; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology; Spanish; Speech Pathology. Please note that specific information on the options are detailed with their respective academic departments (see the list on the right or the table of contents of this catalog). The Liberal Arts and Sciences A.A. with no option is detailed on the following page.

The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree is designed with a greater emphasis in mathematics and science than the Associate in Arts degree. A student interested in the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences has to choose one of four options: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Systems and Environmental Science, or Physics. Each option prepares students for transfer to a complementary four-year degree program. Students in the Biology, Chemistry, or Earth Systems and Environmental Science options transfer to four-year science programs (biochemistry, biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, etc.), teacher education programs, pharmacy schools, or engineering programs (biomedical, chemical, environmental). Students in the Physics option usually transfer to colleges offering bachelor’s degrees in engineering (civil, electrical, mechanical, etc.) or in the physical sciences. Enrichment programs are offered to encourage students to continue their education beyond the bachelor degree by attending graduate or other professional programs (e.g. medical school, physical assistant programs, physical therapy programs).

Liberal Arts and Sciences A.A.
• General / No Option
• Education (Education and Reading Department)
• History (History Department)
• Human Services (Social Sciences Department)
• International Studies (Social Sciences Department)
• Media Studies (Communication Arts and Sciences Department)
• Performing Arts (Communication Arts and Sciences Department)
• Political Science (Social Sciences Department)
• Psychology (Social Sciences Department)
• Sociology (Social Sciences Department)
• Spanish (Modern Languages Department)
• Speech Pathology (Communication Arts and Sciences Department)

Liberal Arts and Sciences A.S.
• Biology (Biological Sciences Department)
• Chemistry (Chemistry and Chemical Technology Department)
• Earth Systems and Environmental Science (Chemistry and Chemical Technology Department)
• Physics (Engineering, Physics and Technology Department)
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree Program

Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum (Pathways)
60 Credits required for A.A. Degree
Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Debra Gonsher

Required Core
A. English Composition (6 Credits)
B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)
C. Life and Physical Sciences \(^1\) (3-4 Credits)
   SUBTOTAL: 12-13

Flexible Core
A. World Cultures and Global Issues (6 Credits)
B. U.S. Experience in Diversity (3 Credits)
C. Creative Expression (3 Credits)
D. Individual and Society (3 Credits)
E. Scientific World (3 Credits)
   SUBTOTAL: 18

Required Areas of Study I
NOTE: Students will complete a minimum of six credits of these requirements within the Flexible Core. Transfer students who have completed Common Core requirements at a previous institution will not be required to complete credits in excess of the 60 credit requirement.

• ART 11 Introduction to Art History \(\text{OR}\)
  ART 12 Introduction to Art History: Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East (0-3 Credits)
• MUS 11 Introduction to Music \(\text{OR}\)
  MUS 12 Introduction to Music: A Multi-Cultural Survey of World Music (0-3 Credits)
• COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (0-3 Credits)
• COMMUNICATION Select ONE from COMM, THEA, FILM, MEST (0-3 Credits)
• ENGLISH English Elective\(^2\) (0-3 Credits)
• HIS 10 History of the Modern World \(\text{OR}\) HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (0-3 Credits)
• HISTORY Select ONE from HIS, GEO, PHL (0-3 Credits)
• MODERN LANGUAGE Select TWO from the same language (0-6 Credits)
• SOCIAL SCIENCE Select TWO courses from ANT, CRJ, ECO, HSC, POL, PSY, and SOC (0-6 Credits)

Required Areas of Study II
• PEA Physical Education \(\text{OR}\) HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)
• LAB SCIENCE\(^1\) (0-1 Credit)
• FREE ELECTIVES (0-10 Credits)
   SUBTOTAL: 29-30

\(^1\) This requirement is satisfied if a student takes a 4-credit STEM variant course in Required Area C.
\(^2\) Choose from any ENG course above ENG 16 with the exception of ENG 223.