LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of Education and Academic Literacy

Secondary Education Option
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 business people, 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 Secondary Education Option offers a greater degree of specialization. This degree program is for students who seek automatic transfer to a senior college in CUNY, upon graduation, to pursue a baccalaureate degree and teacher certification.

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LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)
60 Credits required for AA Degree

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

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

Major Requirements
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 OR ART 12 Introduction to Art History: Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East OR MUS 11 Introduction to Music OR MUS 12 Introduction to Music: A Multi-Cultural Survey of World Music (0-3 Credits)
- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication OR COMM 20 Public Speaking and Critical Listening (0-3 Credits)
- HIS 10 History of the Modern World OR HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (0-3 Credits)
- MODERN LANGUAGES Choose from FRN, ITL, POR, OR SPN (0-3 Credits)
- PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements
- PEA Select any Physical Education course OR HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)
- LAB1 Lab Science (0-1 Credits)
- Free electives (4-13 Credits)

Secondary Education Option
- EDU 70 Educational Foundations of Middle and High School (3 Credits)
- EDU 71 Multicultural Perspectives of Middle and High School (3 Credits)
- Restricted Elective* (6-8 Credits)
SUBTOTAL 29-30

1 This requirement is satisfied if a student takes 4-credit STEM variant course in Required Area C.

*Consult with the department to discuss which courses apply towards teacher preparation to obtain certification to teach in the disciplines relevant to middle and high schools.