

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of History

Program Description

Liberal Arts and Sciences: History 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, journalists and businesspeople, 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 History Option offers a greater degree of specialization. The option articulates with several SUNY Empire State College baccalaureate programs. Students are encouraged to visit the Transfer Planning web site for more information.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Liberal Arts and Sciences program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a broad knowledge base from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.
2. Evaluate and analyze a range of artistic, historical, literary and philosophical works.
3. Examine the formation of individual and group behavior, and social institutions and processes.
4. Develop an ability and a cultural context for communication in a language other than English.
5. Communicate effectively through written and oral forms.
6. Demonstrate informed critical thinking.
7. Engage in quantitative reasoning and scientific inquiry.
8. Demonstrate an awareness of diverse cultures.

Upon successful completion of the History Option requirements, students will be able to:

1. Gather, interpret, and evaluate evidence from a variety of historical and contemporary sources and points of view, and produce well-reasoned arguments using this evidence to support conclusions.
2. Evaluate primary and secondary sources in analyzing key historical topics.
3. Examine and analyze the development of societies in different periods and regions, including the roles of ethnicity, gender, language, sexual orientation, and belief.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Tamar Rothenberg

Required Core

- A. English Composition (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)
- C. Life and Physical Sciences¹ (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* Select ONE from COMM, THEA, FILM, MEST (0-3 Credits)
- ENG² English Elective (0-3 Credits)
- HIS 10 History of the Modern World *OR*
HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (0-3 Credits)
- MODERN LANGUAGES Select a sequence of two courses from the same Modern Language (0-6 Credits)
- SOCIAL SCIENCE Select one course from ANT, ECO, POL, PSY, SOC (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- Free Electives (0-10 Credits)
- LAB Lab Science¹ (0-1 Credit)
- PEA Physical Education *OR*
HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)

History Option Requirements

- HIS 20 The American Nation (0- 3 Credits)
- HIS Select TWO additional HIS courses (6 Credits)
- RESTRICTED ELECTIVE Select one of the following:
ANT; ART 11 *OR* 12; ART 55; ECO; ENG 141, 148, 150, 151, 153, 156, 157 *OR* 161; FILM 61 or 91; FRN 22; GEO; ITL 23; MUS 11 *OR* 12; PHL; POL; SOC; SPN 21, 22, 24, 25, 30 *OR* 31; THEA 70 (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 29-30

¹ Students may select either a 4-credit STEM variant science course or a 3-credit science course to fulfill Required Core C. Students selecting a 3-credit course must also complete an additional 1-credit lab course to fulfill graduation requirements

² Choose any ENG course from ENG 120-199.

