LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | World Languages and Cultures

Program Description

Liberal Arts and Sciences: Spanish 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 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 Spanish Option offers a greater degree of specialization.

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 Spanish Option requirements, students will be able to:

1. Understand, speak, read, and write appropriate level discourse in Spanish on a range of salient topics, demonstrating control and understanding of syntax and grammar.
2. Read historical, anthropological, philosophical, and literary texts critically and evaluate the works of key Hispanic writers and their place in world history and culture.
3. Reflect on Hispanic culture and history by referencing literary movements that shaped the Spanish-speaking world as well as the pertinent issues raised by revered Hispanic writers.
4. Perform research and produce well-written, well-supported papers about the Spanish-speaking world.
5. Analyze, compare and contrast several practices and products of Hispanic societies to those of the United States and/or other cultures, using a variety of sources and points of view.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Alexander Lamazares

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 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 *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 World Music (0-3 Credits)
- COMM 11 Introduction to Communication *OR* Select ONE from COMM, THEA, FILM, MEST (0-3 Credits)
- ENG[2] English Elective (0-3 Credits)

- HIS 10 History of the Modern World *OR*
  HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World *OR*
  Select ONE from GEO, PHL (0-3 Credits)
- MOD LAN Select from any Modern Language course except Spanish at the appropriate level (0-3 Credits)
- SOCIAL SCIENCES Select one course from ANT, CRJ, ECO, HSC, POL, PSY, SOC (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- LAB[1] Lab Science (0-1 Credit)
- PEA Physical Education *OR*
  HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)

ELEC[3] Free Electives to complete 60 credits (3-10 Credits)

Spanish Option Requirements[4]

(Choose four based on initial placement in Spanish)

- SPN 110 Introductory Spanish for Heritage Speakers (0-3 Credits)
- SPN 111 Beginning Spanish I (3 Credits)
- SPN 112 Beginning Spanish II (3 Credits)
- SPN 113 Intermediate Spanish Language and Culture (3 Credits)
- SPN 124 Don Quijote and Other Cervantes Masterpieces (3 Credits)
- SPN 26 Spanish for Business Communication (3 Credits)
- SPN 117 Advanced Spanish Composition (3 Credits)
- SPN 120 Advanced Spanish Grammar (3 Credits)
- SPN 121 Spanish Language and Culture (3 Credits)
- SPN 122 Latin American Language and Culture (3 Credits)
- SPN 125 Generation of 1898 (3 credits)
- SPN 130 Literature and Culture of Puerto Rico (3 Credits)
- SPN 131 Literature and Culture of the Spanish Caribbean (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. ENG 47 Latino Literature and ENG 48 Afro-Caribbean Literature are recommended courses.

[3] HIS 31 Latin American History and HIS 39 History of the Caribbean are recommended electives.

[4] Students must take the Spanish Placement exam prior to enrolling in their first Spanish course. Placement scores will determine the first sequence of Spanish courses. See Modern Language Department to schedule the placement exam.

The program articulates with Lehman College and SUNY Empire State College. See the Transfer Planning web site for more information.