

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of Art and Music

Program Description

Liberal Arts and Sciences: Studio Art 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 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 option in Studio Art offers a greater degree of specialization. This option is suitable for students interested in the visual arts, art education, and a variety of other art related majors. The program gives students the opportunity to experience an assortment of hands-on art courses along with the general Liberal Arts curriculum.

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 Studio Art Option requirements, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the process of making art.
2. Develop hands-on studio skills and competency in the use of traditional art tools and techniques.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Professor Roni Ben-Nun

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 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 (0-3 Credits)
- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (0-3 Credits)
- ENG English Elective² (0-3 Credits)
- HIS 10 History of the Modern World *OR*
HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (0-3 Credits)
- MOD LAN Select ONE from ARB, FRN, ITL, POR, and SPN (0-3 Credits)
- SOC SCI Select ONE courses from ANT, CRJ, ECO, HSC, POL, PSY, and SOC (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- PEA Physical Education (1 Credit) *AND*
Free Elective (1 Credit) *OR*
HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (2 Credit)
- Lab Science¹ (0-1 Credit)
- FYS 11 First Year Seminar³ (1 Credit)
- Liberal Arts Electives⁴ (2-11 Credits)

Studio Art Option Requirements

- ART 15 Design Basics (2 Credits)
- ART 21 Drawing (2 Credits)
- ART 22 Painting (2 Credits)
- ART Elective choose THREE of the following: (6 Credits)
 - ART 24 Drawing II,
 - ART 26 Painting II,
 - ART 32 Printmaking,
 - ART 41 Ceramics: Handbuilding,
 - ART 42 Ceramics: Wheel Throwing,
 - ART 72 Digital Photography,
 - ART 82 Illustration,
 - ART 84 Digital Imaging

SUBTOTAL 29-30

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

² Choose any ENG course from ENG 120-199.

³ Students must take FYS 11 prior to earning 24 equated or degree credits. Students who have earned 24 or more equated or degree credits are permitted to use the one credit as a free elective. It is highly recommended that students take FYS 11 in their first or second semester.

⁴ As mandated by the New York State Department of Education, an Associate in Arts requires 45 credits from Liberal Arts offerings. Since Studio Art courses are not considered Liberal Arts, these electives must be selected from the Liberal Arts. For more details, please visit the Art and Music department.

