

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree

Program Description

Liberal Arts and Sciences: Black and Latinx Studies 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 option in Black/Latinx Studies offers a greater degree of cultural/racial/historical specialization in Liberal Arts. This option is suitable for students who are interested in specializing in Black/Latinx cultural and historical aspects of law, business, science, teaching, creative writing, literature, medical, and other fields. The program gives students the opportunity to understand historical and cultural movements that directly impact the fields they choose to enter.

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 Black and Latinx Studies Option requirements, students will be able to:

1. Identify and discuss key historical and cultural issues in Black and Latinx Studies.

2. Analyze the relationship between individuals, contemporary Black and Latinx communities, and the social, political, and economic forces that affect them.
3. Critically examine texts, narratives, and discourses produced by Black and Latinx people throughout the world.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinators: Dr. Monique Guishard

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 Common 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 and MUSIC:**
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
Recommended: ART 12 OR MUS 12
(0-3 credits)
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Select ONE from COMM, THEA, FILM, MEST
Recommended: COMM 28 African American and Puerto Rican Rhetoric
(0-3 Credits)

- **HISTORY:** Select one from **HIS**
Recommended: HIS 31 Latin American History; HIS 35 African History; HIS 37 African American History; HIS 39 History of the Caribbean; HIS 51 History of New York City (0-3 Credits)

- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** Select ONE from ANT, CRJ, POL, PSY, and SOC
See recommended courses in Restricted Electives (0-3 Credits)

- **WORLD LANGUAGES^{3,4}** Select two courses from the same language at appropriate level (e.g., ARB, FRN, ITL, JPN, POR, SPN)(0-6 Credits)
Recommended: FRN, POR, SPN, ARB (0-6 Credits)

Black and Latinx Studies Option Requirements

- **ENGLISH:** Select ONE from
ENG 147 Latino Literature;
ENG 148 Afro-Caribbean Literature;
ENG 153 The Black Writer in American Literature;
ENG 154 Black Poetry
(0-3 Credits)
- **HISTORY:** Select ONE from
HIS 31 Latin American History;
HIS 35 African History;
HIS 37 African American History;
HIS 39 History of the Caribbean;
HIS 51 History of New York City
(0-3 Credits)
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE:** Select ONE from
ANT 11 Introduction to Anthropology;
CRJ 11 Introduction to Criminal Justice;
POL 41 Civil Rights in America Since 1954;
POL 51 Urban Politics;
POL 61 Solving Social Problems through the Political Process⁵;
POL 71 Politics of Developing Areas;
POL 72 International Politics;
PSY 22 Social Psychology⁵;
PSY 40 Life Span Development⁵;
PSY 44 Psychology of Women⁵;
SOC 31 Race and Ethnic Relations⁵;
SOC 32 Urban Sociology³;
SOC 37 Social Inequality³
(0-3 Credits)

- **RESTRICTED ELECTIVE:** Select ONE of the following:
ANT 11, COMM 28, COMM 34, CRJ 11, ENG 147, ENG 148, ENG 153, ENG 154, EDU 12, FRN 123, HIS 20, HIS 31, HIS 35, HIS 37, HIS 39, HIS 51, MUS 18, POL 41, POL 51, POL 61, POL 71, POL 72, PSY 22, PSY 40, PSY 44, SOC 31, SOC 32, SOC 37, POR 111, SPN 130, SPN 131, SPN 122 (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- **PEA Physical Education² OR**
HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)
- **Lab Science¹** (0-1 Credits)
- **Free Electives** (0-10 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 Recommended: PEA 46: African, Caribbean and Black Dance Forms or PEA 47: Beginning Salsa.

³ World Language courses taught in English (e.g., ITL 123) do not satisfy this requirement.

⁴ Some languages (e.g., French and Spanish) require placement testing prior to enrollment. Please contact the World Languages and Cultures Department for more information.

⁵ This course has a prerequisite in the subject; see CUNYfirst or the BCC College Catalog for details.