

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of Communication Arts and Sciences

Program Description

Liberal Arts and Sciences: Performing Arts Option

The Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum offers a well-rounded education that prepares students for a wide range of career options. Students take courses in a diverse set of disciplines that provides a foundation for later specialization. The Performing Arts option allows students interested in theatre, dance, or music to transfer to a senior college. Students who graduate with an AA Liberal Arts and Sciences: Performing Arts option can pursue a career in the arts, including actor, musician, dancer, producer, director, teacher, arts administrator, arts journalist, promoter, grant writer, and others.

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 Performing Arts Option requirements, students will be able to:

1. Write a paper that requires critical analysis of a theatrical performance. Additionally, students will analyze a play within its social, political, and historical context.
2. Select, read, compare, and contrast different acting techniques including Stanislavski, Artaud, Method, and Meisner.
3. Analyze, in writing, narrative, poetic, dramatic, or prose texts in terms of voice, structure, plot, figurative language, imagery, and other stylistic elements.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree
Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Sara Brady

Required Core

- A. English Composition¹ (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning² (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 (3-4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 18-19

Major Requirements

- 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)
- COMMUNICATIONS: Select ONE from COMM, THEA, FILM, MEST (0-3 Credits)
- HIS 10 History of the Modern World *OR*
HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (0-3 Credits)
- SOCIAL SCIENCE Select one course from ANT, ECO, POL, PSY, *OR* SOC (0-3 Credits)
- WORLD LANGUAGES^{3,4} Select one language course at appropriate level (e.g., ARB, FRN, ITL, JPN, POR, SPN) (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- PEA Physical Education *OR*
HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)
- LAB⁵ Lab Science (0-1 Credit)
- Free Electives^{6,7} to complete 60 credits (0-16 Credits)

Performing Arts Option Requirements

- THEA 70 Introduction to Theatre (0-3 Credits)
- THEA 75 Introduction to Acting (0-3 Credits)

English Elective:

- ENG 140 Folklore *OR*
ENG 161 Shakespeare *OR*
ENG 121 Introduction to Creative Writing *OR*
ENG 154 Black Poetry (0-3 Credits)

Performing Arts Elective⁸

Choose 3 Credits From:

- COMM 26 Oral Interpretation of Literature
- FILM 61 Introduction to Film
- MUS 21 Choral Performance 1
- MUS 22 Choral Performance 2
- MUS 23 Choral Performance 3
- MUS 65 Beginning Guitar Class
- MUS 66 Guitar Class II
- MUS 70 Piano Class for Beginners
- MUS 71 Secondary Piano I
- MUS 72 Secondary Piano II
- PEA 12 Elementary Hatha Yoga
- PEA 14 Aerobic Dance
- PEA 41 Techniques of Jazz Dance
- PEA 46 African, Caribbean and Black Dance Forms

PEA 47 Beginning Salsa
PEA 82 Introduction to Tai Chi Chuan
THEA 71 Theatre Production (0-3 credits)

SUBTOTAL 29-30

- ¹ ENG 100/110/111 plus one course from ENG 112, 114, 115, and 116. ENG 115 is recommended for this option.
- ² MTH 21/21.5 or 23/23.5 is recommended in Required Core B.
- 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 Select appropriate lab course, if needed, to match lecture course.
- ⁶ Students should see the language requirements at the senior college to which they are planning to transfer and consult with an advisor about using free elective credits to complete a two-semester modern language sequence, if needed.
- ⁷ Select additional free electives in consultation with Performing Arts adviser.
- ⁸ **Please note:** Not all MUS and PEA courses are offered every semester.

NOTE: The Performing Arts option articulates with SUNY Empire State College. See the Transfer Planning web site for more details.

