

# LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of Social Sciences

## Program Description

### Liberal Arts and Sciences: Political Science 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 Political Science 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 Political Science Option requirements, students will be able to:

1. Apply political science concepts to understand the status, from historical and contemporary perspectives, of political events at local, national and/or international levels.
2. Write clearly on issues of international and domestic politics and public policy issues, using traditional and electronic resources for research and present results.

3. Analyze political/policy issues and formulate policy options and participate as civically engaged members of society.
4. Succeed at answering multiple choice, short answer and essay questions and participate in class discussion and group projects in describing national and/or international politics, institutions, structures and/or processes.

## LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Peter Kolozi and Dr. Hisseine Faradj

### Required Core

- A. English Composition (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)
- C. Life and Physical Sciences<sup>1</sup> (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 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 (0-3 Credits)
- COMMUNICATIONS  
COMM, THEA, FILM, MEST (0-3 Credits)
- ENGLISH<sup>2</sup> (0-3 Credits)
- HISTORY Select ONE from HIS, GEO, PHL (0-3 Credits)

- **SOCIAL SCIENCE** Select ONE from ANT, CRJ, ECO, HSC, PSY, SOC (0-3 Credits)
- **WORLD LANGUAGES**<sup>3,4</sup> Select two courses from same language at appropriate level (e.g., ARB, FRN, ITL, JPN, POR, SPN) (0-6 Credits)

### Additional Major Requirements

- Free Electives (0-10 Credits)
- PEA Physical Education *OR* HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)
- Science Lab<sup>1</sup> Science Laboratory (0-1 Credit)

### Political Science Option Requirements

- POL 11 American National Government (0-3 Credits)
- **POLITICAL SCIENCE** Choose any THREE from POL 21, POL 31, POL 41, POL 42, POL 51, POL 61, POL 69, POL 71, POL 72, POL 81 (0-9 Credits)

**SUBTOTAL 29-30**

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Choose any ENG course from ENG 120-199.

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

<sup>4</sup> Some languages (e.g., French and Spanish) require placement testing prior to enrollment. Please contact the World Languages and Cultures Department for more information. The Political Science option is fully articulated with Lehman's B.A. in Political Science and with SUNY Empire State College. Students should review the articulation agreement available on the Transfer Planning website.

