

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

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

Program Description

Liberal Arts and Sciences: Sociology 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 Sociology 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 Sociology Option requirements, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of and an ability to apply to different social contexts the concept of the Sociological Imagination.
2. Identify inequalities of social class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, gender identity, age and disability and apply this knowledge to an analysis of different social contexts.
3. Describe and compare different social scientific theories.
4. Recognize and implement quantitative and qualitative research methods in the social sciences.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Jawied Nawabi

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 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)
- **ENGLISH²** (0-3 Credits)
- **HISTORY** Select ONE from HIS, GEO, PHL (0-3 Credits)
- **SOCIAL SCIENCE** Select ONE from ANT, CRJ, ECO, HSC, POL, PSY (0-3 Credits)
- **WORLD LANGUAGES^{3,4}** 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 Lab¹ Science Laboratory (0-1 Credit)

Sociology Option Requirements

- SOC 11 Sociology (0-3 Credits)
- SOCIOLOGY Select Three Upper Level SOC courses from SOC 31- 92⁵ (9 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.

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 Students planning to transfer to Lehman College to major in Sociology should not take SOC 35.

NOTE: The Sociology Option articulates with Lehman College and SUNY Empire State. Visit the Transfer Planning website for more information.

