

Liberal Arts

A.A. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2017-2018

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree in Liberal Arts is designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution. The Liberal Arts program includes a required General Education core, plus elective courses for a minimum total of 64 credits. All first-time, full-time students must complete FYES 155, First Year Experience Seminar, during their first year of enrollment.

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Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Liberal Arts degree can transfer into a wide range of degree programs, such as History, English, Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, and Communications. Students are encouraged to work closely with Faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the “Transfer Programs” feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org.

Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to transfer to a four-year institution, where students will pursue a Bachelor’s Degree. Some students pursue the Associate Degree for personal enrichment, and/or for employment purposes, helping to improve qualifications for jobs requiring a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with Faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC to help students explore degree programs and corresponding careers ocean.emsicareercoach.com

Recommended Courses

Students interested in the Social Sciences (i.e., PSYC, SOC, ANTH):
PSYC 172, SOC 181, ANTH 133, MATH 156

Students interested in the Humanities (i.e., ENGL, HIST, PHIL):
HIST 171-174, PHIL 191, ARTS 181, MATH 151
Foreign Language sequence , ENGL (200 level)

Students interested in Math or Science:
BIOL 161-162, CHEM 181-182, MATH 165*

Students interested in Communication: COMM 154

Electives: Students are encouraged to explore a wide range of courses. Elective courses are a student’s chance to explore different fields and discover new interests.

*Students proficient in algebra should take the College Level Math Test to determine placement into pre-calculus or calculus.

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the “My Progress” screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Curriculum

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General Education Core Requirements:

Communications	9 credits
_____ ENGL 151: English I	
_____ ENGL 152: English II	
_____ COMM 154: Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
History	6 credits
_____ Two (2) History courses selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses	

Humanities	9 credits
_____ Three (3) Humanities courses selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses	

Social Science	6 credits
_____ Two (2) Social Science courses selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses	

Diversity	3 credits
_____ One (1) Diversity course selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses	
Mathematics-Science-Technology	12 credits
_____ Students must select one math course, one lab science course and one technology*course, and _____ complete the 12 credit requirement with any _____ additional math or lab science course from the list of Approved General Education Courses	

*Students may attempt to “test out” of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course in math or lab science from the list of Approved General Education Courses.

Program Requirement:

_____ FYES 155 First Year Experience Seminar*	3 credits
_____ or Elective Credit	

* FYES 155, First Year Experience Seminar, is required for first-time, full-time students only. All other students may take FYES 155 or any 3 credit elective.

Elective Courses:

Students must take elective credits to reach 64 credits. For example, if the General Education/Program requirements total 48 credits, students will need 16 elective credits to reach 64 credits toward the degree. **The Liberal Arts degree can contain no more than six credits in business courses (ACCT, BUSN, LAAW, HRTM)**

Courses satisfying General Education Requirements must be selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses.

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