

Liberal Studies

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



The associate in arts degree with a concentration in Liberal Studies is a broad-based educational program with a curriculum spanning a wide range of academic areas. These areas include: humanities, communications/English, social science, mathematics, computer applications, and laboratory science.

Primarily, this degree is intended to ease transfer into some baccalaureate programs at other post-secondary institutions. Additionally, from the Liberal Studies program, students may apply for entry into various professional and technical programs offered at

Eastern Maine Community College as well as throughout the Maine Community College System.

Students are encouraged to explore in depth a particular academic discipline and also to enhance their education by electing career and skill-specific courses offered through the other programs on campus.

Upon successful completion of at least 60 credit hours in specific curriculum areas, and with a minimum grade point average of 2.0, the student will be awarded the Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Studies.

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Students will participate in, identify, or evaluate artistic and creative forms of expression. (CREATIVE/ARTS)
- Students will engage in laboratory or field work at a level consistent with standard college laboratory and field courses. Students will demonstrate the ability to work with both qualitative and quantitative information in applying the scientific method. (NATURAL SCIENCE)
- Students will be able to write clear, coherent texts with adherence to proper mechanics. Students will be able to effectively use writing as a means to engage and communicate processes of critical inquiry, including analysis, synthesis, and argumentation. (WRITING)
- Students will be able to reliably perform mathematical operations at the college level. Students will be able to apply mathematical concepts and techniques in practical situations, to solve problems. (QUANTITATIVE LITERACY)
- Students will analyze or interpret significant texts or other cultural artifacts and will understand or think critically about meaning and value, from either an aesthetic, philosophical, or multidisciplinary perspective. (HUMANITIES)
- Students will analyze or explain causal forces which shape social structures, institutions, or behavior. (SOCIAL SCIENCES)
- Students will explain the premises of ethical decision making and apply a framework for making rational choices when faced with ethical dilemmas. (ETHICAL REASONING)
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of cultural differences. (DIVERSITY/CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE)

PREREQUISITE

AA Degree: high school level Algebra I



Programs of Study

Automotive
Building Construction
Business Management-Career Option
Business Management-Transfer Option
Business Management-Small Business
Career Studies
Computer Systems Technology
Criminal Justice
Culinary Arts
Diesel, Truck & Heavy Equipment
Digital Graphic Design
Early Childhood Education
Education-Career & Technical Ed
Education-Elementary Ed
Education-Secondary Ed
Electrical and Automation
Electricians Technology
Emergency Medical Services
Fine Woodworking & Cabinet Making
Fire Science
Human Services
Liberal Studies
Medical Assistant
Medical Office-Coding Option
Medical Office-Health Care Secretary
Medical Radiography
Nursing
Outdoor Recreation & Tourism
Plumbing
Refrigeration, Air Conditioning & Heating
Restaurant & Food Service Management
Surgical Technology
Trade & Technical Occupations
Welding

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LIBERAL STUDIES Associate in Arts Degree

FIRST SEMESTER

ENG 101 College Composition	3
FYE 100 College Success	1
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
Math Elective: Any Math (100 level or higher) MAT161, MAT217, or MAT225 recommended	3-4

Free Elective (100 level or higher)	3
Free Elective (100 level or higher)	3

SECOND SEMESTER

ENG 112 Introduction to Literature	3
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
Writing Elective: Any Writing (100 level or higher)	3
Free Elective (100 level or higher)	3
Free Elective (100 level or higher)	3

THIRD SEMESTER

Creative Arts Elective (100 level or higher)	3
Humanities Elective (100 level or higher)	3
Science Elective: Any Lab Science (100 level or higher)	4
Free Elective (100 level or higher)	3
Free Elective (100 level or higher)	3

FOURTH SEMESTER

Capstone Course: ENG215 Business & Technical Writing <u>or</u> , PSY214 Teams, <u>or</u> SOC151 Society & Environment	3
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PHI 101 Ethics	3
Diversity Elective (100 level or higher)	3
Free Elective (100 level or higher)	3
Free Elective (100 level or higher)	0-3

TOTAL AA CREDITS **60**



A guaranteed admissions agreement, **AdvantageU**, was signed by the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System in 2005. The **AdvantageU** program is designed to provide community college students with a streamlined transfer process into the Maine public university of their choice, following completion of their Associate in Arts Degree. Information and application procedures for the **AdvantageU** program are located on www.emcc.edu/beyond-emcc/transferring/advantageu/.

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campus intramural
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