



Liberal Arts

Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

The Liberal Arts program offers a variety of courses that prepare students to transfer into the junior year at four-year colleges and universities in such fields as English, history, humanities, journalism, world languages, pre-law, literature, psychology, sociology, political science, anthropology, philosophy, and education. Liberal Arts can be a valuable, flexible path allowing students to explore many subject areas before choosing a more specific discipline upon transfer.

The Liberal Arts program is fundamentally cross-disciplinary; this broad perspective provides students with a strong foundation in humanities, social science, natural science, and mathematics. Using a variety of cross-disciplinary approaches, students work together to explore what we share and how we differ, developing the skills needed for engaged, responsible, global citizenship.

An associate degree in Liberal Arts is most effective as a step toward transfer and further academic work. Students enrolled in the Liberal Arts program who intend to transfer to four-year colleges or universities are strongly advised to discuss their general education electives with a faculty advisor.

Almost all baccalaureate institutions prefer coursework for a student's major field to be completed at that institution. Therefore, it is better for students to fulfill the general education requirements that make up the core of Liberal Arts at Mercer, working with faculty advisors to select courses with an eye toward full transferability. All students should determine the requirements of the transfer institutions they would like to attend and consult with Transfer Services about available articulation agreements and transfer options.

Liberal Arts majors have transferred to Rider University, The College of New Jersey, Rutgers University, Temple University, and many other institutions.

The program may be pursued part-time or full-time and may be completed by daytime or evening attendance, or fully online.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Understand the vocabulary, methods, and the major concepts present in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences;
- Articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing;
- Perform a series of thinking tasks including speculation, analysis, and synthesis (i.e., abstract reasoning);
- Utilize research materials and methodologies;
- Speak, write, read, and comprehend a world language commensurate with the level of study.

Curriculum

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
FIRST SEMESTER		
CSW 100	College Success and Personal Wellness (2/0)†	2
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
MAT 125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
— —	Social Science general education elective ²	3
SECOND SEMESTER		
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0) OR	3
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ³	3
— —	Diversity and Global Perspective elective	3
— —	Social Science general education elective ²	3
THIRD SEMESTER		
ENG —	Literature elective ⁴	3
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
— —	Social Science elective ⁵	3
— —	World Language elective ⁶	3
— —	Program elective ⁷	3
FOURTH SEMESTER		
PHI —	Philosophy elective ⁸	3
— —	Science OR Technology elective ⁹	3-4
— —	Social Science or Humanities elective ¹⁰	3
— —	World Language elective ⁶	3
— —	Program elective ⁷	3
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¹ Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113.

² Recommended: PSY 101 or SOC 101 or 107. These courses can be taken in any order.

³ MAT 126 recommended. MAT 120 or higher-level mathematics courses are acceptable alternatives. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.

⁴ Select any 200-level ENG literature course (not limited to general education listings).

⁵ Select from the list of 200-level Social Science electives – whether or not a general education course – available in the Liberal Arts Division or from any academic advisor. No more than six credits may be taken in any one Social Science discipline.

⁶ Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language; start at 101 only if this is a new language for you. Choose carefully with a faculty advisor regarding the transferability of language courses. If language courses are CLEPped, you must meet with a Liberal Arts faculty advisor and/or the World Languages coordinator.

⁷ Any 101-level or higher course required in an A.A., A.F.A., or A.S. degree program qualifies, as do DMA 105 and 120 as well as PHO 101, 103, and 110.

⁸ Select any 200-level Philosophy course.

⁹ Choose carefully with assistance from a faculty advisor or transfer counselor. May be a second laboratory science or another general education Natural Science or Technology elective.

¹⁰ Any Social Science, ENG, HIS, or PHI course qualifies.

† Some exemptions apply. Consult academic advisor for details.

NOTE: All program listings are subject to periodic updates. Please consult your program advisor, academic division, or www.mccc.edu/programs_degree