

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in Liberal Arts

AREA: Liberal Arts

DEGREE: Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: The associate of arts and sciences degree program in liberal arts is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree program, usually the bachelor of arts degree, in the liberal arts or social sciences. Students in the program may wish to major in the following fields: American studies, anthropology, art, communication, economics, English, geography, government, history, humanities, journalism, library science, literature, music, philosophy, pre-law, psychology, religion, sociology or theatre arts.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The associate of arts and sciences degrees (AA&S) offered by LFCC are designed to provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. The AA&S degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts in the areas of English, health/physical education, humanities, mathematics, science and social science.

To help facilitate the transfer process, each state-supported college and most private colleges in Virginia produce a Virginia Community College Transfer Guide. These transfer guides provide specific information about the transferability of courses and/or programs to their respective institutions. Transfer guides can be obtained directly from the college of interest or can be referenced in the Office of Student Success on both the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses. Students may also download many Virginia transfer guides online at the following address: <http://www.myfuture.vccs.edu/transfer/>.

Students should begin preparing for transfer as early as possible. Steps in this process include: making a career decision, identifying colleges which offer the intended program of study, examining available transfer guides and college catalogs, talking with transfer representatives, identifying program prerequisites, researching the academic competitiveness of the institutions and program under consideration, attending open house events offered by the colleges and exploring financial aid and housing opportunities.

LFCC offers many services and programs to assist the transfer student. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of their faculty advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIS	History I ¹ (HIS 111, 112, 121, 122)	3
MTH 151	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I (or MTH 163 or 271)	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
PED/HLT	Physical education (or health) ²	2
	Approved humanities elective ³	3
	Total	15
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS	History II ¹ (HIS 111, 112, 121, 122)	3
MTH 152	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts II (or MTH 164, 240, 271 or 272)	3
	Approved humanities elective ³	3
	Approved general elective	3
	Total	15
Third Semester		
CST 100/110	Principles of Public Speaking	3
ENG	Literature I ⁴ (ENG 241, 243, or 251)	3
	Approved humanities elective ³	3
	Science with laboratory ⁵	4
	Approved social science elective ⁶	3
	Total	16
Fourth Semester		
ENG	Literature II ⁴ (ENG 242, 244, or 252)	3
PHI	Ethics elective	3
	Science with laboratory ⁵	4
	Approved social science elective ⁶	3
	Approved elective ⁷	3
	Total	16
	Program Total	62

¹ Two semesters of U.S. History or History of World Civilizations are required; however, depending on the requirements of the four-year colleges, two one-semester courses in different fields may be substituted with advisor approval.

² Students are encouraged to determine, with their advisor's help, transferability of health courses to specific four-year colleges. In addition, foreign languages are strongly suggested by four-year colleges. Contact advisor for assistance.

³ Students may select humanities electives from the approved list. Depending on the requirements of four-year institutions, six to eight credit hours of a single foreign language may be appropriate. Spanish is strongly recommended. Contact your advisor and four-year institution representative.

⁴ Two semesters of American, British or world literature are recommended; however, depending on the requirements of the four-year institution, two one-semester courses in different fields may be substituted with advisor's approval.

⁵ A one-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology or physics is recommended; however, depending on the requirements of the four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.

⁶ Students may select social science electives from the approved list.

⁷ ITE 115 will satisfy this requirement. Students are required to 1) complete a computer course such as ITE 115 or equivalent or 2) demonstrate proficiency in using a Windows-based operating system along with word processing, spreadsheet, database management, presentation and communication software by passing an LFCC computer competency exam. Students eligible for option two may select any appropriate elective. Please consult your academic advisor.