

# Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Degree Options

## Liberal Arts

### Associate of Arts

#### Specialization:

Teacher Preparation

## Social Sciences

### Associate of Science

#### Specializations:

American Sign Language/Deaf Studies

Teacher Preparation

**Purpose:** The Liberal Arts (AA) and Social Sciences (AS) degrees are two-year programs designed for those who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree in the humanities or social sciences. The curricula consist of courses in general education (including a foreign language, natural science, and social sciences) typically required in the first two years of a baccalaureate curriculum in the humanities or social sciences.

Students from the AA degree program transfer into a wide variety of majors at senior institutions including, but not limited to, the following :

anthropology	humanities
art	mass communications
library science	journalism
English/literature	philosophy
foreign languages	pre-law

Students from the AS degree program transfer into a wide variety of majors at senior institutions including, but not limited to, the following:

anthropology	pre-law
history	social work
economics	government/political science
mass communications	sociology
psychology	speech-language pathology
education/Deaf studies	ASL: interpretation/linguistics

The programs are designed to provide transfer paths that will match the requirements of senior institutions (four-year colleges and universities); however, senior institutions differ in their requirements, so students are strongly urged to work with their assigned advisor and to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the major department in the college or university to which they plan to transfer.

The **Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts** is intended for students seeking the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, generally awarded in such fields as philosophy, foreign languages, literature (including English), archaeology, art history, and religious studies. This program includes two years of coursework in the same foreign language. The **Associate of Science degree in Social Sciences** is intended for students seeking the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, generally awarded in such fields as anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, and sociology.

This program includes one year of coursework in the same foreign language.

Students should understand that the line between the humanities and social sciences is not always clear and that some colleges and universities award B.A. degrees in what are usually considered the social sciences. Each student admitted to the program is assigned an academic advisor to help plan the appropriate course of studies to transfer to the student's choice of a four-year college or university. Students who complete the program generally transfer as juniors.

**The ASL/Deaf Studies specialization** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university in a major that requires a background in American Sign Language and Deaf persons as a cultural group. These expanding fields include: speech-language pathology, deaf education, ASL instruction, interpretation, interpreter education, linguistics and Deaf studies (e.g., history, literature, research, etc.).

**The Teacher Preparation specializations** are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university in a major that requires a background in the liberal arts or social sciences, and who plan to teach at the elementary, middle, or secondary school level. The Teacher Preparation specializations enable the student to participate in two field experiences in area schools.

**Note to prospective teachers:** Students who wish to be licensed to teach in Virginia should earn a baccalaureate degree in a liberal arts or science field. Students should consult with their advisor regarding elective choices that match their desired teaching endorsement area(s). While enrolled at the community college, students should prepare for and successfully complete Praxis I, the initial teacher licensure examination.

**Admission Requirements:** General college curricular admission

**Program Notes:** The following high school units are strongly recommended: three units of college preparatory mathematics and two years of a foreign language.

**Computer Competency Requirement:** Students in the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences degree programs will meet the college's computer competency requirement by successfully completing ITE 115 or CSC 155. Students can also meet this requirement by passing the college's computer competency exam, administered in the testing centers on each campus, in which case they will receive college credit for ITE 115 or CSC 155. Students not passing the computer competency exam may retake the exam only once.

## CURRICULUM

### Liberal Arts — Associate of Arts

COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1	0	1
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization or Any 200-level History Course	3	0	3

MTH 163 <sup>1</sup>	Precalculus I	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		14-15	0-2	15
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization or Any 200-level History Course	3	0	3
MTH ____ <sup>1</sup>	Mathematics 240 or 270	3	0	3
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
____ <sup>2</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
ITE 115 <sup>4</sup>	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts or CSC 155 <sup>4</sup> Computer Concepts and Applications	3	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		16-17	0-2	17
ENG ____ <sup>5</sup>	Any 200-Level Literature Course	3	0	3
____ <sup>2,6</sup>	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	3	0	3
____ <sup>7</sup>	Approved Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>8</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		15	3	16
ENG ____ <sup>5</sup>	Any 200-Level Literature Course	3	0	3
____ <sup>2,6</sup>	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	3	0	3
____ <sup>8</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		12	3	13
<b>Total Minimum Credits for AA Degree in Liberal Arts</b>				<b>61</b>

<sup>1</sup>Students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about which math courses to take. MTH 163 followed by MTH 240 or MTH 270 are more universally transferable. Students planning to transfer to VCU make take MTH 170. MTH 151 and MTH 152 do not transfer to most institutions, and they do not fulfill the requirements of this curriculum track. MTH 120 does not fulfill the requirements of this curriculum path.

<sup>2</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design.

<sup>3</sup>Students must take the same foreign language through the 202 level. Students who have satisfactorily completed two years of a foreign language in high school may petition for advanced placement to the intermediate level of this foreign language. Students who place at the intermediate level of foreign language study will then need to complete eight (8) additional credit hours of Approved Electives. Proficient students may receive course credit for foreign

language through the CLEP exam. Students should consult their transfer institution about language requirements. Some B.S. programs require intermediate level foreign language. Many colleges and universities accept American Sign Language as a foreign language credit. Students are advised to clarify transfer opportunities with their transfer institution.

<sup>4</sup>Students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about the computer literacy course to take. Students who have good backgrounds in computers may petition for credit by examination.

<sup>5</sup>For the AA degree, students may take any 200-level LITERATURE course. ENG 215 and 217 do NOT satisfy the requirement. For transfer purposes, students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about their literature selections. Degree requirements may be fulfilled by students taking sequential or non-sequential courses in the same or different subject area.

<sup>6</sup>Degree requirements may be fulfilled by students taking sequential or non-sequential courses in the same or different subject area. Students are advised to check the requirements of their transfer institution.

<sup>7</sup>A list of approved courses is available in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Science office.

<sup>8</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design. NAS and 01-level sciences do not satisfy this requirement. Students are advised to check the requirements of their transfer institution. A frequent transfer option for Liberal Arts students is BIO 106 or BIO 107 followed by GOL 105.

## CURRICULUM

### Liberal Arts — Associate of Arts Teacher Preparation Specialization

COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 107	Career Education (Teaching)	2	0	2
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization	3	0	3
MTH 163 <sup>1</sup>	Precalculus I	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		15-16	0-2	16
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization	3	0	3
MTH ____ <sup>1</sup>	Math 240 or 270	3	0	3
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
____ <sup>2</sup>	<b>Personal Wellness Elective</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>1</b>
ITE 115 <sup>4</sup> CSC 155 <sup>4</sup>	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts or Computer Concepts and Applications	3	0	3

		<b>TOTAL</b>	16-17	0-2	17
ENG ____ <sup>5</sup>	Any 200-Level Literature Course		3	0	3
GEO 210	People and the Land: Introduction to Cultural Geography		3	0	3
____ <sup>3</sup>	<b>Foreign Language</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
EDU 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession		2	2	3
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective		3	3	4
		<b>TOTAL</b>	14	5	16
CST 110	Introduction to Speech Communication		3	0	3
ECO 201	Principles of Economics I-Macroeconomics		3	0	3
ECO 202	Principles of Economics II-Microeconomics				
____ <sup>3</sup>	<b>Foreign Language</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective		3	3	4
		<b>TOTAL</b>	12	3	13
<b>Total Minimum Credits for AA Degree in Liberal Arts, Teacher Preparation Specialization</b>					<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup>Students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about which math course to take. MTH 163 followed by MTH 240 or MTH 270 are more universally transferable. Students planning to transfer to VCU may take MTH 170. MTH 151 and MTH 152 do not transfer to most institutions, and they do not fulfill the requirements of this curriculum track. MTH 120 does not fulfill the requirements of this curriculum path.

<sup>2</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design.

<sup>3</sup>Students must take the same foreign language through the 202 level. Students who have satisfactorily completed two years of a foreign language in high school may petition for advanced placement to the intermediate level of this foreign language. Students who place at the intermediate level of foreign language study will then need to complete eight (8) additional credit hours of Approved Electives. Proficient students may receive course credit for foreign language through the CLEP exam. Students should consult their transfer institution about language requirements. Some B.S. programs require intermediate level foreign language. Many colleges and universities accept American Sign Language as a foreign language credit. Students are advised to clarify transfer opportunities with their transfer institution.

<sup>4</sup>Students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about the computer literacy course to take. Students who have good backgrounds in computers may petition for credit by examination.

<sup>5</sup>Students may take any 200-level LITERATURE course. ENG 215 and 217 do NOT satisfy this requirement. For transfer purposes, students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about their literature selections.

<sup>6</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design. Future elementary teachers are recommended to take one semester of physical science and one semester of biological science. NAS and 01- level sciences do not satisfy this requirement. Students are advised to check the requirements of their transfer institution. A frequent transfer option for Liberal Arts students is BIO 106 or BIO 107 followed by GOL 105.

## CURRICULUM

### Social Sciences — Associate of Science

COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
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ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1	0	1
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization or Any 200-level History Course	3	0	3
MTH 163	Precalculus I	3	0	3
____ <sup>1</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
____ <sup>2</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		14-15	0-2	15
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization or Any 200-level History Course	3	0	3
MTH ____	Mathematics (240 or 270)	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
ITE 115 <sup>3</sup> CSC 155 <sup>3</sup>	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts or Computer Concepts and Applications	3	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		16	0	16
ENG ____ <sup>4</sup>	Any 200-Level Literature Course	3	0	3
____ <sup>1,5</sup>	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
____ <sup>7</sup>	Approved Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>1</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		12-13	3-5	14
ENG ____ <sup>4</sup>	Any 200-Level Literature Course	3	0	3
____ <sup>1,5</sup>	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
____ <sup>7</sup>	Approved Electives	6	0	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		15	3	16
<b>Total Minimum Credits for AS Degree in Social Sciences</b>				<b>61</b>

<sup>1</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design.

<sup>2</sup>A list of approved foreign language courses is provided in the Approved Electives section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design. Students must take the same foreign language through the 102 level. Students who have satisfactorily completed two years of a foreign language in high school may petition for advanced placement to the intermediate level of this foreign language. Students who begin at the intermediate level of foreign language study will then need to complete two (2) additional credit hours in Approved Electives. Proficient students may receive course credit for foreign language through the CLEP exam. Students should consult their transfer institution about language requirements. Some B.S. programs require intermediate level foreign language. Many colleges and universities accept American Sign Language as a foreign language credit. Students are advised to clarify transfer opportunities with their transfer institution.

<sup>3</sup>Students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about the computer literacy course to take. Students who have good backgrounds in computers may petition for credit by examination.

<sup>4</sup>Students may take any 200-level LITERATURE course. ENG 215 and 217 do NOT satisfy this requirement. For transfer purposes, students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about their literature selections.

<sup>5</sup>Degree requirements may be fulfilled by students taking sequential or non-sequential courses in the same or different subject area. Students are advised to check the requirements of their transfer institution.

<sup>6</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design. NAS and 01-level sciences do not satisfy this requirement. Students are advised to check the requirements of their transfer institution.

<sup>7</sup>A list of approved courses is available in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Science office. For the Social Science AS degree, students are recommended to complete six hours in a course or courses designated as having an international focus. Courses having an international focus are identified on the approved list in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Science office.

## CURRICULUM

### Social Sciences — Associate of Science

#### American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Specialization

COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1	0	1
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization or any 200-level History Course	3	0	3
MTH 163 <sup>1</sup>	Precalculus I	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
ASL 262 <sup>3</sup>	American Sign Language VI	4	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14-15</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>15</b>
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
HIS ____	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization or any 200-level History Course	3	0	3
MTH ____ <sup>1</sup>	Mathematics (240 or 270)	3	0	3
INT 106 <sup>3</sup>	Interpreting Foundations II	4	0	4

ITE 115 <sup>4</sup>	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts or Computer Concepts and Applications	3	0	3
CSC 155 <sup>4</sup>				
<b>TOTAL</b>		16	0	16
ENG ____ <sup>5</sup>	Any 200-Level Literature Course	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
ASL 125	History and Culture of the Deaf Community	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		12-13	3-5	14
ENG ____ <sup>5</sup>	Any 200-Level Literature Course	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	0	3
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
ASL 220	Comparative Linguistics: ASL and English	3	0	3
ASL 225	Literature of the U.S. Deaf Community	3	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		15	3	16
<b>Total Minimum Credits for AS Degree in Social Sciences, ASL/Deaf Studies Specialization</b>				<b>61</b>
<p><sup>1</sup>Students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about which math course to take. MTH 163 followed by MTH 240 or MTH 270 are more universally transferable. Students may select from MTH 163 or 170 as first course choices. MTH 240 or 270 may be taken as second course choices. Before registering for these courses, check to be sure that your transfer institution will accept them.</p> <p><sup>2</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design.</p> <p><sup>3</sup>ASL 262 and INT 106 satisfy the one-year foreign language requirement.</p> <p><sup>4</sup>Students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about the computer literacy course to take.</p> <p><sup>5</sup>Students may take any 200-level LITERATURE course. ENG 215 and 217 do NOT satisfy this requirement. For transfer purposes, students should consult their advisor and transfer institution about their literature selections.</p> <p><sup>6</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design. NAS and 01-level sciences do not satisfy this requirement. Students are advised to check the requirements of their transfer institution.</p>				

## CURRICULUM

### Social Sciences — Associate of Science Teacher Preparation Specialization

COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
SDV 107	Career Education (Teaching)	2	0	2
HIS ____ <sup>1</sup>	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization	3	0	3

MTH 163	Precalculus I	3	0	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>16</b>
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
HIS ____ <sup>1</sup>	United States History, or African-American History, or Western Civilization, or World Civilization	3	0	3
MTH ____	Mathematics (240 or 270)	3	0	3
____ <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Language	4	0	4
ITE 115 <sup>4</sup>	Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts	3	0	3
CSC 155 <sup>4</sup>	or Computer Concepts and Applications			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
ENG ____ <sup>5</sup>	Any 200-Level English Literature Course	3	0	3
ECO 201	Principles of Economics I-Macroeconomics or	3	0	3
ECO 202	Principles of Economics II-Microeconomics			
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
EDU 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	2	2	3
____ <sup>2</sup>	Personal Wellness Elective	0-1	0-2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11-12</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>14</b>
ENG ____ <sup>5</sup>	Any 200-Level English Literature Course	3	0	3
GEO 210	People and the Land: Introduction to Cultural Geography	3	0	3
____ <sup>6</sup>	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	3	3	4
CST 110	Introduction to Speech Communication	3	0	3
____ <sup>7</sup>	Approved Elective	3	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Total Minimum Credits for AS Degree in Social Sciences, Teacher Preparation Specialization</b>				<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup>Students are recommended to take one semester of United States, African-American, or Virginia History and one semester of Western or World Civilization.

<sup>2</sup>A list of approved general education electives (humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, mathematics, science, and wellness) is provided in the General Education section of the catalog under Curriculum Planning and Design.

<sup>3</sup>Students must take the same foreign language through the 102 level. Students who have satisfactorily completed two years of a foreign language in high school may petition for advanced placement to the intermediate level of this foreign language. Students who begin at the intermediate level of foreign language study will then need to complete two (2) additional credit hours in Approved Electives. Proficient students may receive course credit for foreign language through the CLEP exam. Students should consult their transfer institution about language requirements. Some B.S. programs require intermediate level foreign language. Many colleges and universities accept American Sign Language as a foreign language credit. Students are advised to clarify transfer opportunities with their transfer institution.

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of biological science. NAS and 01-level sciences do not satisfy this requirement. Students are advised to check the requirements of their transfer institution.

<sup>7</sup>Students should choose from one of these areas: Political Science (U.S. Government recommended), Ethics, Art Appreciation, or Music Appreciation.