

Liberal Arts

Overview

Associate of Arts

SPECIALIZATION

American Sign Language/Deaf Studies
Teacher Preparation

PURPOSE: The Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts lays the foundation for a Bachelor of Arts degree in art and art history, ASL-English Interpretation, communication, Deaf studies, English/literature, history, humanities, journalism, music, philosophy, pre-law, social sciences, speech-language pathology, religious studies, and world languages. The liberal arts promote a broad background of knowledge across the arts, humanities, languages, and social sciences to develop students' abilities in analytical and critical thinking, written and oral communication, and understanding global cultural awareness. The Liberal Arts degree is a two-year program designed for those students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree. While the program is designed to provide transfer paths that will match the requirements of four-year colleges and universities, the requirements may differ. Therefore, 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. This program requires intermediate proficiency (two years of coursework or its equivalent) in a language other than English.

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 TEACHER PREPARATION SPECIALIZATION is 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, and who plan to teach at the elementary, middle, or secondary school level. The Teacher Preparation specialization enables the student to participate in two field experiences in area schools.

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, and research).

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.

NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS: Students who wish to be licensed to teach in Virginia should earn a baccalaureate degree in a liberal arts, science, or mathematics 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 Core (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics), the initial teacher licensure examination.

COMPUTER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT: Students in the Liberal Arts degree program 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.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the AA degree in Liberal Arts, the student will be able to demonstrate:

- An interdisciplinary understanding of the human experience from different global, cultural, sociological, and historical perspectives;
- An awareness of how social and cultural contexts shape and influence forms of human expression; and
- An understanding of the interdependence of academic disciplines and how an interdisciplinary perspective contributes to understanding the human experience.

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Roadmap

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Order	Course	Title	Credits
1	SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
2	ENG 111 ¹	College Composition I	3
3	ITE 115 or CSC 155		
4	ASL 101 or FRE 101 or SPA 101 ²	World Language Elective 101	4
5	MTH 154 or MTH 161 ³	Quantitative Reasoning or Precalculus I	3
6	_____ ⁴	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
7	ENG 112 ⁵	College Composition II	3
8	ASL 102 or FRE 102 or SPA 102 ²	World Language Elective 102	4
9	_____ ⁶	Personal Wellness Elective	1
10	HIS 111 or HIS 112 or HIS 253 or HIS 254 or HIS 203	Non-U.S. History Elective	3
11	MTH 245 or MTH 261 ²	Statistics I or Applied Calculus I	3
12	_____ ⁷	English Literature Elective	3
13	ASL 201 or FRE 201 or SPA 201 ²	World Language Elective 201	3
14	_____ ⁸	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
15	HIS 121 or	U.S. History Elective	3

	HIS 122		
16	_____	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
17	ASL 202 or FRE 202 or SPA 202 ²	World Language Elective 202	3
18	_____ ⁷	English Literature Elective	3
19	_____	Approved Transfer Elective	3
20	_____	Social Behavioral Elective	3
TOTAL	Liberal Arts Associate of Arts		60

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² Some classes offered via hybrid class. Check specific schedule for further information.

³ Program-declared students possessing a current Comptia Network + Certification will be granted credit by prior knowledge.

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American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Specialization

Order	Course	Title	Credit
1	SDV 101	Orientation to American Sign Language and Interpreter Education	2

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2	ENG 111 ¹	College Composition I	3
3	ITE 115 or CSC 155	Computer Literacy Elective	3
4	ASL 101	American Sign Language I	4
5	MTH 154 or MTH 161 ²	Quantitative Reasoning or Precalculus I	3
6	_____ ³	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
7	ENG 112 ⁴	College Composition II	3
8	ASL 102	American Sign Language II	4
9	_____ ⁵	Personal Wellness Elective	1
10	HIS 111 or HIS 112 or HIS 253 or HIS 254 or HIS 203	Non-U.S. History Elective	3
11	ASL 201	American Sign Language III	3
12	_____ ⁶	English Literature Elective	3
13	ASL 125	History and Culture of the Deaf Community	3
14	ASL 220	Comparative Linguistics: ASL and English	3
15	HIS 121 or HIS 122	U.S. History Elective	3
16	_____	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
17	ASL 202 ⁷	American Sign Language IV	3
18	_____ ⁶	English Literature Elective	3
19	ASL 225	Literature of the U.S. Deaf Community	4
20	_____	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3
TOTAL	Liberal Arts Associate of Arts-American Sign Language/Deaf Studies Specialization		63

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Order	Course	Title	Credit
1	SDV 101	Orientation to Teacher Preparation	1-2
2	ENG 111 ¹	College Composition I	3
3	ITE 115 or CSC 155 ²	Computer Literacy Elective	3
4	ASL 101 or FRE 101 or SPA 101 ³	World Language Elective 101	4
5	MTH 154 or MTH 161 ⁴	Quantitative Reasoning or Precalculus I	3
6	_____ ⁵	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
7	ENG 112 ⁶	College Composition II	3
8	ASL 102 or FRE 102 or SPA 102 ³	World Language Elective 102	4
9	_____ ⁷	Personal Wellness Elective	1
10	HIS 111	History Elective	3

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	or HIS 112 or HIS 121 or HIS 122		
11	MTH 245 or MTH 261 ³	Statistics I or Applied Calculus I	3
12	_____ ⁸	English Literature Elective	3
13	ASL 201 or FRE 201 or SPA 201 ³	World Language Elective 201	3
14	_____	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
15	HIS 121 or HIS 122	U.S. History Elective	3
16	_____	Approved Laboratory Science Elective	4
17	ASL 202 or FRE 202 or SPA 202 ³	World Language Elective 202	3
18	EDU 200	Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	3
19	GEO 210	People and the Land: Introduction to Cultural Geography	3
20	ECO 120 or ECO 201 or ECO 202	Economics Elective	3
TOTAL	Liberal Arts Associate of Arts-Teacher Preparation Specialization		60-61

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