Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies

Description

The Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Studies is the result of the Community College Partnership between the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System. The AA in Liberal Studies is a program designed to assist students in exploring career, educational interests, and in preparing them to transfer to a four-year institution. The curriculum is designed to allow students the flexibility of selecting classes best suited to help them meet their personal, professional, and academic goals. A close working relationship with students’ advisors, advisors from other institutions, and with other members of the KVCC community is vital.

Students enrolled in the Associate in Arts program may transfer to the University of Maine System or another baccalaureate degree-granting college. Students who are planning on transferring to a four-year college should evaluate the transfer college’s foreign language requirements and take language courses at KVCC accordingly.

AdvantageU is a statewide program that guarantees admission to Maine’s public universities for those students enrolled in the Liberal Studies degree at one of Maine’s community colleges. With advising from the community college and/or the university, students are offered a seamless pathway to a baccalaureate degree. Students should work closely with their KVCC academic advisor and/or may contact the Transfer Counselor at 453-5082. Additional information can be found on the transfer website. www.kvcc.me.edu/transfer

Students in the Associate in Arts program may continue at Kennebec Valley Community College by applying to one of over twenty programs in the following areas: Allied Health, Biological Science, Business, Computer Science, Education, Nursing, and Trades and Technology. Students, after clarifying their career goals, may also decide to transfer into a community college program offered at one of the seven community colleges in Maine.

Program Mission

The Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Studies provides students with a strong foundation in general education, thereby preparing them to transfer to a four-year college or university in pursuit of a Bachelor’s degree, transfer to an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree in a community college program, or enter the workplace with knowledge and skills necessary for a variety of career choices.

Educational Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies program, the graduate is expected to:

- Demonstrate effective communication by means of listening, speaking, reading and writing in varied situations.
- Demonstrate mathematical skills, critical analysis, and logical thinking to solve problems and interpret quantitative information.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the human life process, individual development, thinking process, and behavior.
- Demonstrate comprehension and the application of research methods and scientific inquiry.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of different groups and organizations in societies and respect for varied cultural values.
### Course # | Course Title | Credits | Prerequisites (Co-requisites)
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**FIRST SEMESTER**
__ __ FYE125 Liberal Studies Seminar | | 1 |  
__ __ COM104* Introduction to Communication | | 3 |  
__ __ ENG101* College Composition | | 3 | Placement test  
__ __ MAT1__* Math Elective | | 3 | Placement test  
__ __ PSY101* Introduction to Psychology OR
__ __ SOC101* Introduction to Sociology | | 3 |  
__ __ * Humanities Elective | | 3 |  
**SECOND SEMESTER**
__ __ ENG121* Introduction to Literature | | 3 | ENG101 or ENG108  
__ __ HUM101* Multi-Cultural Nature of American Society | | 3 | ENG101 or ENG108  
__ __ ** General Education Elective | | 3 |  
__ __ ** Science Course with Lab | | 4 |  
__ __ ** Social Science Elective (any ECO, PSY, SOC... | | 3 | COM105, COM203  
**THIRD SEMESTER**
__ __ ENG2__* English Elective | | 3 | ENG101 or ENG121  
__ __ * Fine Art Elective (any MUS, ART, ENG210)... | | 3 |  
__ __ ** General Education Elective | | 3 |  
__ __ ** General Education Elective | | 3 |  
__ __ * Social Science Elective (must be 200 level) | | 3 |  
**FOURTH SEMESTER**
__ __ INT201* Seminar in Inquiry | | 3 | COM104, ENG101, ENG121, HUM101, and PSY101 or SOC101  
__ __ ** General Education Elective (must be 200 level) | | 3 |  
__ __ ** General Education Elective (must be 200 level) | | 3 |  
__ __ ** General Education Elective (must be 200 level) | | 3 |  
__ __ * Humanities Elective (must be 200 level) | | 3 |  
**TOTAL CREDITS** | | 61/62 |  

* Students must achieve a minimum grade of “C” in all required courses or core courses.

** Students planning to transfer to specific institutions or programs are responsible for choosing electives that will fulfill the requirements for those institutions or programs. Failure to work closely with their academic advisor and/or transfer counselor may result in credits that do not fulfill the necessary requirements or that do not transfer. Students should be aware that the requirement for 2xx level coursework in this program requires advanced planning with their advisor to ensure that the prerequisites for these classes are met.

**Note:**
1. All incoming AALS students who have earned less than 15 credits are required to take FYE125 as part of their first semester.
2. COM104 and ENG101 are to be completed in the first semester or within the first 15 credits.

**Criteria for Graduation**

Students must complete 61/62 credits in the Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies program and attain a final GPA of 2.0 or higher.

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