

LIBERAL STUDIES

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM

Enrolling in the Liberal Studies program is an exciting and affordable way to build a strong foundation in the general education courses required at all colleges. This foundation prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue 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. The curriculum is flexible and allows students to select classes that are best suited to help them meet their personal, professional, and academic goals.

"My liberal studies degree allowed me to not only explore which field I wanted to pursue in my further education, it also gave me a good springboard at which to jump off into more detailed classes. Faculty were great when I explained that I was eventually tracking a further degree in biology."

Flexible skills that transfer



What Liberal Studies graduates do:

- Continue studies at universities
- Write materials for organizations
- Manage people in companies
- Research questions using data
- Analyze problems within departments
- Develop practices of operation

Career Opportunities:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Education
- Small and large businesses
- Local, state, and federal offices
- Social service agencies
- Hospitality
- Communications
- Sales

For further questions about this program, please contact: enrollment@kvcc.me.edu

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First Semester

COM104*	Introduction to Communication	3
ENG101*	College Composition	3
MAT111*	Quantitative Reasoning	3
PSY101*	Introduction to Psychology OR	
SOC101*	Introduction to Sociology	3
_____*	Humanities Elective	3

Second Semester

ANT101*	Cultural Anthropology OR	
HUM101*	Multi-Cultural Nature of American Society.	3
ENG121*	Introduction to Literature.	3
_____**	General Elective.	3
_____*	Science Course with Lab	4
_____*	Social Science Elective (ECO, PSY, SOC)	3

Third Semester

ENG2XX*	English Literature Elective	3
_____*	Fine Art Elective (MUS, ART, ENG210).	3
_____**	General Elective.	3
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_____*	Social Science Elective (must be 200 level) (PSY,SOC).	3

Fourth Semester

INT201*	Seminar in Inquiry.	3
_____**	General Elective (must be 200 level)	3
_____**	General Elective (must be 200 level)	3
_____*	Humanities Elective (must be 200 level)	3
_____**	Writing/Communication Elective (must be 200 level).	3

Total Credits **61**

* 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 200 level coursework in this program requires advanced planning with their advisor to ensure that the prerequisites for these classes are met.

Note:

1. COM104 and ENG101 are to be completed in the first semester or within the first 15 credits.
2. Of the 18 General Elective credits required, 9 must be taken at the 2xx level. A 2xx-level course in the same discipline will serve to meet the criteria of a 1xx-level elective.

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION

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

This program is accessible 100% online.

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DESCRIPTION

The Liberal Studies program is the result of the Community College Partnership between the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System, and is 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 Liberal Studies program may transfer to the University of Maine System or another baccalaureate degree-granting college.

Students in the Liberal Studies 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, Education, Mental Health, Nursing, Psychology and Trades and Technology.

Students may also decide to transfer into a community college program offered at one of the seven community colleges in Maine.

By completing the Liberal Studies Associates in Arts program, students will also complete the Block transfer agreement established between the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System. This block will satisfy the general education requirements at these Maine Community Colleges and Maine Universities and limits any additional general education classes to no more than 10 credits.

Studies program 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

Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate effective communication by means of listening, speaking, reading and writing in varied situations.
2. Demonstrate mathematical skills, critical analysis, and logical thinking to solve problems and interpret quantitative information.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the human life process, individual development, thinking process, and behavior.
4. Demonstrate comprehension and the application of research methods and scientific inquiry.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of different groups and organizations in societies and respect for varied cultural values.

COLLEGE ADMISSION

General admission guidelines can be found on [page 34](#) in the catalog.