

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:

- Transfer to a 4-year institution
- Write materials for organizations
- Manage people in companies
- Research questions using data
- Analyze problems within departments

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: kvccadmissions@maineccc.edu

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Associate in Arts Degree - Undeclared Pathway

First Semester

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

Second Semester

ENG121*	Introduction to Literature	3
HUM101*	Multi-Cultural Nature of American Society	3
ENG218	Advanced Academic Writing OR	
ENG219	Business & Professional Writing	3
_____	Science Course with Lab	4
_____	Creative Expression	3

Third Semester

PHI110	Contemporary Ethics	3
ENG__*	200-level Literature Elective	3
_____**	Pathway Elective	3
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Fourth Semester

_____**	200-level Humanities Elective	3
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Total Credits

61

Associate in Arts Degree - Social Science Pathway

First Semester

COM104*	Introduction to Communication	3
ENG101*	College Composition	3
MAT111*	Quantitative Reasoning	3
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
HIS111	US History I	3

Second Semester

ENG121*	Introduction to Literature	3
HIS112	US History II	3
ENV101	Environmental Science	4
ENG210	Creative Writing	3
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	3

Third Semester

PHI110	Contemporary Ethics	3
ENG218	Advanced Academic Writing	3
ENG220	American Literature	3
PSY215	Developmental Psychology	3
HUM101*	Multi-Cultural Nature of American Society	3

Fourth Semester

ENG224	Lit, Culture & Diversity	3
SOC204	Social Problems	3
ANT101	Cultural Anthropology	3
MAT220	Applied Statistics	3
PSY204	Abnormal Psychology	3

Total Credits

61

Associate in Arts Degree - Education Pathway

First Semester

COM104*	Introduction to Communication	3
ENG101*	College Composition	3
EDU150*	The Teaching Profession	3
MAT111*	Quantitative Reasoning	3
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3

Second Semester

EDU203	Including Students with Exceptionalities in General Education	3
ENG121*	Introduction to Literature	3
HUM101*	Multi-Cultural Nature of American Society	3
ENV101	Environmental Science	4
ENG210	Creative Writing	3

Third Semester

ENG218	Advanced Academic Writing OR	
ENG219	Business & Professional Writing	3
HIS111**	US History I	3
ENG220*	American Literature I	3
PHI110	Contemporary Ethics	3
PSY215	Developmental Psychology	3

Fourth Semester

EDU202	Diversity & Cultural Responsiveness in Education	3
HIS112**	US History II	3
HIS202**	History of Maine	3
SOC101	Intro to Sociology	3
GEO101**	Intro to Geography	3

Total Credits

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Associate in Arts Degree - English Pathway

First Semester

COM104*	Introduction to Communication	3
ENG101*	College Composition	3
MAT111*	Quantitative Reasoning	3
PSY101*	Introduction to Psychology	3
PHI110*	Intro to Contemporary Ethics	3

Second Semester

ENG121*	Introduction to Literature	3
HUM101*	Multi-Cultural Nature of American Society	3
ENV101	Environmental Science	4
ENG210	Creative Writing	3
ENG218**	Advanced Academic Writing	3

Third Semester

ENG216**	Popular Fiction	3
ENG219**	Business & Professional Writing	3
ENG220*	American Literature I	3
ENG212	Reading Poetry	3
ENG211**	Creative Non-Fiction Writing	3

Fourth Semester

HUM201**	Humanities Seminar	3
ENG222**	American Literature II	3
ENG224	Lit, Culture, & Diversity	3
ENG213**	Fiction Writing	3
ENG214**	Reading Short Fiction	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 should work closely with their advisor or transfer counselor

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: COM104 and ENG101 are to be completed in the first semester or within the first 15 credits.

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

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

1. Prepare and orally deliver a presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, emotions, values, beliefs, or behaviors.
2. Write clear, coherent texts with adherence to proper mechanics; adapt their writing appropriately for different disciplinary contexts or audiences; and effectively use writing as a means to engage in and communicate processes of critical inquiry, including analysis, synthesis, and argumentation.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural differences and knowledge of multiple cultures.
4. Analyze or interpret significant texts or other cultural artifacts; understand or think critically about meaning (significance) and value, from either an aesthetic, philosophical, literary or multidisciplinary perspective.
5. Participate in, identify or evaluate artistic and creative forms of expression.
6. Analyze or explain causal forces which shape social structures, institutions, or behavior.
7. Reliably perform mathematical operations at the college level; understand and evaluate quantitative information both in their college work and in broader public discourses; and apply mathematical concepts and techniques in practical situations to solve problems.
8. Demonstrate both conceptual and practical understanding of scientific method, including the abilities of hypothesis development and testing through observation or experiment, and evaluation of results; engage in laboratory or field work at a level consistent with standard college laboratory and field courses; and demonstrate the ability to work with both qualitative and quantitative information in applying the scientific process.
9. Demonstrate ethical reasoning by doing one or more of the following: understand social and cultural value systems; understand and critically evaluate ethical theories or concepts; work effectively with ethical issues and theories through analysis and evaluation of the theoretical, literary, historical or artistic texts through which fundamental ethical ideas and problems are presented; or critically evaluate disciplinary claims in the context of ethical, social, and environmental issues.

COLLEGE ADMISSION

General admission guidelines can be found on [page 33](#) in the catalog.