

# LIBERAL ARTS

## ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE

### LIBERAL ARTS CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in LIBERAL ARTS upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Arts degree with a LIBERAL ARTS concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in LIBERAL ARTS can lead to diverse career opportunities, including roles in education, communications, marketing, human resources, social services, journalism, public relations, and nonprofit organizations, as well as positions in business, government, and the arts.

#### Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in LIBERAL ARTS, students will:

1. **Demonstrate** a broad understanding of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences to approach diverse issues from multiple perspectives.
2. **Perform** strong critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills to analyze complex topics and articulate ideas effectively.
3. **Apply** interdisciplinary knowledge to prepare for further academic study or careers in education, business, public service, and other fields requiring adaptable, well-rounded skills.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in LIBERAL ARTS to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

Consult your ACC academic advisor in LIBERAL ARTS for guidance based on specific career plans, transfer goals, and eventual declaration of major/minor.

#### GENERAL EDUCATION

#### DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

##### GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

##### GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

##### GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including the Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix).

##### GROUP 4 (G4) – HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, and they must include either: a.) A combination of courses taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix) or b.) HUM 241 and 242 — Humanities I and II. Note: Two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

##### ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AA degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in LIBERAL ARTS in prefixes such as **ANP, ART, ECN, EDU, ENG, GEO, HST, HUM, MUS, PFA, PHL, PLS, PSY, SOC, SPE**, and/or foreign language courses in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in LIBERAL ARTS. It is strongly recommended that foreign language preparation begin as soon as possible, if pursued.

#### RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

##### GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements  
60 CREDITS - 62 CONTACT HOURS

YEAR 1 FALL	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2	MTH 118 MATH FOR LIBERAL ARTS/QR (4/4) or higher
G3	HST 121 EARLY WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
G4	HUM/FA HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)

YEAR 1 SPRING	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 112 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (3/3)
G2	SCI LAB SCIENCE/NATURAL SCIENCE (4/5)
G3	HST 122 MODERN WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
G3	SOC SCI SOCIAL SCIENCE (3/3)
G3/4	SS/HU SOC SCI-HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (3/3)

YEAR 2 FALL	14 CREDITS
G3	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
G4	HUM 241 HUMANITIES I (4/4)
G4	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION or SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (4/4)

YEAR 2 SPRING	14 CREDITS
G2	SCI NATURAL SCIENCE (4/5)
G3	SOC SCI SOCIAL SCIENCE (3/3)
G4	HUM 242 HUMANITIES II (4/4)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)