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PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

Liberal studies is an associate in arts degree designed for students whose educational goal is to transfer to a four-year school to earn a Bachelor's degree or for students who are undecided about their educational or career goals. This flexible degree program is designed to help students complete their general education core requirements before continuing their education in a four-year degree program or in preparation for transfer into one of NMCC's technical or occupational degree programs.

Liberal Studies students may choose to enroll in the Advantage U Program which facilitates the transfer from NMCC to schools in the University of Maine System. Students will be connected with an advisor at the appropriate University of Maine System campus while attending NMCC. The advisor will help the student select courses which are most appropriate to the program curriculum.

Graduates of the Liberal Studies program will gain a strong foundation in the traditional disciplines of the liberal arts (math, science, social science and humanities). Through this carefully designed program, students will gain the knowledge, skills, and values that are essential for work and a lifetime of learning.

OPPORTUNITIES

This associate in arts degree option serves as a spring board for those who wish to enter higher education and complete either an associate or bachelor's degree. The earning power of college graduates is significantly greater than of those who do not complete a two or four year program.

NMCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please call 768-2791.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Completion of a four year high school program or a state high school equivalency certificate is required for admission into NMCC's liberal studies program. Two years of high school math is required; algebra I, algebra II, physics and biology with lab are desired. Students with previous college experience are requested to submit a copy of their transcripts with their application. A rolling admissions policy affords candidates the opportunity to apply and be accepted throughout the year, but early application (9-10 months prior to the school year) is recommended because of competition and strict enrollment capacities established for each program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures constitute the admissions process:

1. An application form must be submitted accompanied by a nonrefundable \$20 application fee.
2. An official high school transcript must also be submitted (current seniors' transcripts should include completed ranking periods).
3. GED/HiSET test scores must be submitted by applicants who are not high school graduates.
4. Official college transcripts must be submitted by applicants who have attended other colleges or post-secondary schools.
5. Placement testing or appropriate SAT scores, individual interviews and campus tours are required, in most cases, prior to being admitted.
6. Admissions decisions are made as quickly as possible once a candidate's file is complete.
7. Accepted applicants are required to make a deposit within thirty days of acceptance. Students requesting on campus housing are required to submit an additional deposit to reserve space in the residential complex.

LIBERAL STUDIES

2016-2017 Curriculum

Associate in Arts Degree Program

All associate degree candidates must complete the following minimum general education core requirements.

<u>First Semester:</u>	<u>CR</u>
COL 103 College Success	1
ENG 111 English Composition	3
MAT 125 College Algebra or higher	3-4
Social Science Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total Credits	13-14

<u>Second Semester:</u>	<u>CR</u>
ENG 226 Intro to Literature	3
Social Science Elective	3
Science Elective	4
Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total Credits	16

<u>Third Semester:</u>	<u>CR</u>
Writing Elective (ENG 227 recommended)	3
Humanities Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total Credits	15

<u>Fourth Semester:</u>	<u>CR</u>
Ethical Reasoning Elective (PHI 201 recom.)	3
Creative Arts Elective	3
Diversity Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total Credits	15

MINIMUM TOTAL REQUIRED 60

Students are advised to select courses that provide a depth of knowledge when fulfilling the various program requirements. Prerequisites must be considered in order to assure access to appropriate upper level courses. Students wishing to continue their education in a baccalaureate program should work with their academic advisor to select courses that ensure optimum transfer of credits.

A minimum of 21 credits must be completed at the 200 level. University of Maine System General Education Core requirements in bold

Core Requirements

Writing & Communications 6 Hours	ENG 111 English Composition & COM 111 Speech COM 212 Business Communications I COM 221 Technical
Quantitative Literacy 3-4 Hours	MAT 125 College Algebra MAT 151 College Algebra & Trig MAT 210 Statistics MAT 227 Calculus
Natural Science 4 Hours w/Lab	BIO 114 Human Biology BIO 120 Anatomy & Physiology I BIO 130 Anatomy & Physiology II BIO 218 Microbiology PHY 150 Physics
Social Science 6 Hours	ECO 111 Principles of Economics HIS 123 U.S. History, 1600-1865 HIS 125 U.S. History, 1865 to Present HIS 203 Religion in America HIS 206 American Sports History HIS 207 Maine History POL 101 American Government PSY 101 General Psychology PSY 207 Developmental Psychology PSY 209 Abnormal Psychology SOC 111 Sociology SOC 215 Social Issues & Problems
Humanities 6 Hours	ENG 113 Working in America ENG 120 Introduction to Literature ENG 224 American Literature I ENG 226 Introduction to Literature ENG 228 Topics in Literature ENG 231 Women in Literature ENG 234 American Literature II PHI 151 Introduction to Philosophy
Creative Arts 3 Hours	ART 101 Fundamentals of Art ART 110 Introduction to Drawing ART 122 Architectural History ENG 239 Intro. to Creative Writing
Diversity 3 Hours	ENG 231 Women in Literature HIS 117 World Civilization to 1715 HIS 119 World Civilization 1715 to Present PHI 206 World Religions SPA 101 Spanish I
Ethical Reasoning 3 Hours	PHI 111 Everyday Ethics PHI 201 Ethics
Freshman Experience 1 Hour	COL 103 College Success