

LIBERAL STUDIES



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PROGRAM PURPOSE

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 exploring 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 graduates may take advantage of an agreement between the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to transfer to one of Maine's public four-year universities. Under the agreement, students can complete up to 35 credits of their general education requirements and transfer that block of credits, for full credit, to any of the other institutions within the two systems.

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.

The earning power of college graduates is significantly greater than of those who do not complete a two or four year program.

OPPORTUNITIES

The associate in arts degree option serves as a spring board for those who wish to go on and earn their bachelor's degree at a four-year institution. The "2 years here" plus "2 years there" formula allows NMCC graduates the opportunity to accrue far less debt than their peers.

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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. HiSET/GED test scores must be submitted by applicants who are not high school graduates.
- Official college transcripts must be submitted by applicants who have attended other colleges or postsecondary 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.

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2018-2019 Curriculum

Associate in Arts Degree Program

First Seme COL 103 ENG 111	College Success English Composition Social Science Elective Elective Elective Elective	CR 1 3 3 3 3 15-16	
Total Credits			
	s-ENG 226 Intro to Literature ollege Algebra or higher Social Science Elective Elective	CR 3 3 3 3 3 15	
Third Sem		CR	
	Writing Elective (Recommend: ENG 227)	3	
	Diversity Elective (PHI 206, HIS 206, or ENG 231)	3	
	Science Elective Elective	4 3	
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Total Credi	its	16	
Fourth Ser	mostor:	CR	
<u>ı ourtir oer</u>	Humanities Elective	3	
	Ethical Reasoning Elective (Recommend: PHI 201) Creative Arts Elective	3	
	(Art 101, 201, or ENG 239)	3	
	Elective Elective	3 <u>3</u>	
Total Credits			
MINIMUM TOTAL REQUIRED			

A minimum of 21 credits must be completed at the 200 level.

University of Maine System General Education Core requirements in bold.

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

Core Requirements

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Writing & Communications - 6 Cr. Hours			Humanities - 6 Credit Hours			
	ENG 111	English Composition &	ENG 113	Working in America		
	ENG 227	Advanced Composition	ENG 224	American Literature I		
or		ENG 226	Intro to Literature			
	COM 212	Business Communications I	ENG 228	Topics in Literature		
	COM 221	Technical Communications	ENG 234	American Literature II		
	COM 210	Mass Communications	PHI 151	Intro to Philosophy		
Quantitiative Literacy - 3 Credit Hours		Creative Arts	- 3 Credit Hours			
	MAT 125	College Algebra	ART 101	Fund of Art		
	MAT 151	College Algebra & Trig	ART 110	Intro to Drawing		
	MAT 210	Statistics	ART 122	Architectural History		
	MAT 227	Calculus	ART 201	Intro to Film		
			ENG 239	Intro to Creative Writing		
Natural Science w/Lab - 4 Credit Hours						
BIO 114 Human Biology		Diversity - 3 Credit Hours				
	BIO 201	Anatomy & Physiology I	ENG 231	Women in Literature		
	BIO 211	Anatomy & Physiology II	HIS 117	World Civilization to 1715		
	BIO 218	Microbiology	HIS 119	World Civilization 1715 to Present		
	PHY150	Physics	HIS 206	American Sports History		
			PHI 206	World Religions		
Social Science - 6 Credit Hours		SPA 101	Spanish I			
	ECO 213	Macroeconomics				
	HIS 123	U.S. History, 1600-1865	Ethical Reasoning - 3 Credit Hours			
	HIS 125	U.S. History, 1865 to Present	PHI 111	Everyday Ethics		
	HIS 203	Religion in America	PHI 201	Ethics		
	HIS 207	Maine History				
	POL 101 American Government		Freshman Experience - 1 Credit Hour			
	PSY 101	General Psychology	COL 103	College Success		
	PSY 207	Developmental Psychology				
	PSY 209	Abnormal Psychology				
	SOC 111	Sociology				
	SOC 215	Social Issues & Problems				

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.

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