LIBERAL STUDIES

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.

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.
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.

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.

An Affordable Start to Your Four-Year Degree!
## Associate in Arts Degree Program

### First Semester: 15-16 CR
- COL 103 College Success 1
- ENG 111 English Composition 3
  - Social Science Elective 3
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- Total Credits 15-16

### Second Semester: 15 CR
- Humanities-ENG 226 Intro to Literature 3
- MAT 125 College Algebra or higher 3
  - Social Science 3
  - Elective 3
- Total Credits 15

### Third Semester: 16 CR
- Writing Elective (Recommend: ENG 227) 3
- Diversity Elective (PHI 206, HIS 206, or ENG 231) 3
- Science Elective 4
  - Elective 3
- Total Credits 16

### Fourth Semester: 15 CR
- Humanities Elective 3
- Ethical Reasoning Elective (Recommend: PHI 201) 3
  - Creative Arts Elective (Art 101, 201, or ENG 239) 3
  - Elective 3
- Total Credits 15

### MINIMUM TOTAL REQUIRED 60
- 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 Cr. Hours
- ENG 111 English Composition or ENG 227 Advanced Composition
- COM 212 Business Communications I
- COM 221 Technical Communications
- COM 210 Mass Communications

#### Quantitative Literacy - 3 Credit Hours
- MAT 125 College Algebra
- MAT 151 College Algebra & Trig
- MAT 210 Statistics
- MAT 227 Calculus

#### Natural Science w/Lab - 4 Credit Hours
- BIO 114 Human Biology
- BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO 218 Microbiology
- PHY 150 Physics

#### Social Science - 6 Credit Hours
- ECO 213 Macroeconomics
- HIS 123 U.S. History, 1600-1865
- HIS 125 U.S. History, 1865 to Present
- HIS 203 Religion in America
- 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 Credit Hours
- ENG 113 Working in America
- ENG 224 American Literature I
- ENG 226 Intro to Literature
- ENG 228 Topics in Literature
- ENG 234 American Literature II
- PHI 151 Intro to Philosophy

#### Creative Arts - 3 Credit Hours
- ART 101 Fund of Art
- ART 110 Intro to Drawing
- ART 122 Architectural History
- ART 201 Intro to Film
- ENG 239 Intro to Creative Writing

#### Diversity - 3 Credit Hours
- ENG 231 Women in Literature
- HIS 117 World Civilization to 1715
- HIS 119 World Civilization 1715 to Present
- HIS 206 American Sports History
- PHI 206 World Religions
- SPA 101 Spanish I

#### Ethical Reasoning - 3 Credit Hours
- PHI 111 Everyday Ethics
- PHI 201 Ethics

#### Freshman Experience - 1 Credit Hour
- COL 103 College Success

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

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.