



# Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science

◆ TRANSFER DEGREE    M MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS    N NEWBURGH CAMPUS    DL DISTANCE LEARNING

## Program Description

The Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science Associate in Arts degree program is a transfer degree that provides a broad-based foundation for students to pursue a variety of academic interests. A liberal arts degree focused on humanities and social sciences includes study of humankind's intellectual, historical and creative endeavors and the implications of how humans interact. The value of a strong grounding in the liberal arts is that students will be equipped with broad perspectives, tools to analyze challenging problems, and skills to seek and communicate solutions.

This Associate in Arts degree program is similar to the first two years of many baccalaureate degree programs, in that it prepares students to think and write critically about a range of subject matter. The coursework is designed to flexibly balance exploration of ideas and subjects with transfer preparation.

Students in this degree program will take specific required courses and also have the opportunity to choose from categories of courses and electives. The choice of several electives provides students freedom to customize and focus on a specific discipline, area of interest, or pursuit of specific coursework that is recommended by transfer destinations. SUNY Orange offers seven different registered tracks within the Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science degree. Those are: [Anthropology](#), [English](#), [History](#), [Music Industry](#), [Political Science](#), [Psychology](#) and [Sociology](#).

By fulfilling a minimum of 30 General Education credits and a minimum of seven of SUNY's general education categories, students are prepared for smooth transfer within the SUNY system and beyond. The General Education categories of the State University of New York (SUNY) are math, natural sciences, social sciences, American history, western civilization, world civilizations, humanities, the arts, foreign language and communication.

An Associate in Arts degree is an excellent choice for students who plan to transfer but may not have all the next steps clearly mapped out. Liberal Arts degrees position students to pursue careers in the social sciences, arts, humanities, communication, education, advocacy, policy and law and many other avenues.

Students should consult regularly with their advisors to determine the best course of study for their particular area of interest and to update their academic plans.

*This degree has been approved by SUNY NYS Education Department for online distance learning delivery. This does not mean that SUNY Orange offers every course in the program online; however, many are offered in this format. Please check the current credit course schedule for online DL virtual course listings offered each semester.*

## Program Outcomes

Students will:

- demonstrate foundational knowledge of and an appreciation for the cultural, social, and natural worlds
- recognize the diversity of human experience, values, and perspectives
- demonstrate an understanding of the forms of artistic expression and their creative processes
- apply critical thinking and systematic reasoning skills
- demonstrate information management, quantitative skills, and an understanding of the role of empirical measurement
- use effective oral and written communication skills
- transfer to, and succeed at, an upper-level institution

## Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (HSEs). If students are not high school graduates, they may be eligible for admission to the College's 24 Credit Hour Program. If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission.

For students with more defined career goals, see the related four-semester registered track sequences for additional information.

## Transfer Options

SUNY Orange has special relationships with upper-level colleges and universities for transfer. These transfer institutions include:

- four-year institutions in the State University of New York (SUNY) system
- private in-state and national four-year institutions

To provide for a smooth transfer, students should consult with both their academic advisors and the potential transfer institutions for academic course selection and guidance as soon as possible.

## Your Career Coach

The Associate in Arts degree program serves as a foundation for students who will complete their bachelor's degree at a four-year institution. They may then pursue careers in a number of areas, including:

- the social sciences
- the arts
- the humanities
- education and communication

In addition, successful completion of a bachelor's degree can also lead to continued study on the graduate level.

[Explore careers with Career Coach](#)

## Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Science Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: ENG 101, SUNY Math (or pre-requisite leading to a SUNY Math)
- Key courses: COM 101
- Electives: to be selected based on career goals and in consultation with an advisor

*Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).*

## First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1	P	3
_____	SUNY Math (GE 1)		3-4
_____	Social Science (Cat. A)*		3
COM 101	Foundations of Communication		3
_____	Liberal Arts Elective		3
PES 100	Concepts of Physical Wellness		1
	Total Semester Credits		16-17

## Milestones

### During this semester, students should:

- Prepare for your first advising session by making a list of the subjects and topics that you are finding most interesting so far
- Take the FOCUS career inventory assessment and match it up to your interest list
- Join a club

## Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2	P	3
_____	SUNY Natural Science (GE 2)		3-4
_____	Social Science (Cat. B)		3
_____	Restricted SUNY Elective**		3
_____	Liberal Arts elective		3
PES ____	Physical Education		1
	Total Semester Credits		16-17

## Milestones

### During this semester, students should:

- Attend an event sponsored by Cultural Affairs (lecture, talk, presentation, concert, etc.)
- Visit a Transfer Fair and talk with potential transfer schools
- Seek out scholarship opportunities

## Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG ____	200-level Advanced English		3
_____	Math/Liberal Arts Science***		3-4
_____	Social Science (Cat. C)		3
_____	Liberal Arts elective		3
_____	SUNY Arts (GE 8)		3
	Total Semester Credits		15-16

**Milestones****During this semester, students should:**

- Apply to transfer school(s)
- Interview or arrange to spend time with someone doing the kind of work that you find most appealing
- Attend a student-driven event (fundraiser, awareness raiser, volunteer opportunity, student show, etc.)
- Seek guidance on portfolio and resume development

**Fourth Semester**

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG__	200-level Advanced English		3
_____	Social Science (Cat D)		3
_____	Elective		3
_____	Elective		3
_____	Elective		3
	Total Semester Credits		15

**Milestones****During this semester, students should:**

- Seek out scholarship opportunities
- Attend another student-driven event (fundraiser, awareness raiser, volunteer opportunity, student show, etc.) or Cultural Affairs event
- Tune up your portfolio and resume
- Work with your advisor to map out your next steps
- Apply for graduation

**TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 62-65****Notes:**

\*Categories A-D must include a SUNY History (GE 4, GE 5 or GE 6) and a SUNY Social Science (GE 3).

\*\*SUNY Humanities (GE 7) list or SUNY Foreign Language (GE 9) list-Elementary 2 level or above.

\*\*\*MAT 102 or higher. Lab science not required.

See [SUNY Transfer Path link](#) for information about recommended courses.