

LIBERAL ARTS, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Program Description

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree in Liberal Arts is designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university. The degree program includes 45 credits of General Education courses plus elective courses for a minimum total of 60 credits. General Education courses must be selected from the official list of Approved General Education Courses. All students must complete STSC 150, Student Success Seminar, during their first year of enrollment. When selecting electives, students may take courses that interest them. The Liberal Arts degree can include no more than 6 credits of business courses (ACCT, BUSN, HRTM, and LAAW).

Specific Areas of Interest Available to AA in Liberal Arts Students

The Liberal Arts degree does not require an academic major. While attending OCC, students may begin to explore specific areas of interest that they may pursue at a four-year institution. Areas of interest include the following:

- Economics
- Exercise Science / Sports Medicine / Sports Management
- Film Studies
- Health and Human Performance
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Political Science
- Social Science
- Sociology
- Speech and Theater

Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Liberal Arts degree can transfer into a wide range of degree programs, such as Sociology, Political Science, and Communications. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and The Advising and Transfer Services Office. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the "Transfer Programs" feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>).

Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree. The curriculum provides students the knowledge and skills needed to pursue various career pathways, while providing a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers <https://ocean.emsicc.com/>

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the "My Progress" screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Communication		
ENGL 151	English I	3
ENGL 152	English II	3
COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
History		
History Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#history)		3
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Humanities		
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities)		3
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Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities)		3
Social Science		
Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#social)		3
Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#social)		3
Diversity		
Diversity Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#diversity)		3
Mathematics-Science-Technology		
Mathematics, Lab Science, and Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#math) ¹		12
Program Requirement		
STSC 150	Student Success Seminar	2
Elective Courses		
Electives to meet 60 credits		13
Total Credit Hours		60

- ¹ Students must select one math course, one lab science course, and one technology course and complete the 12 cr. Requirement with any additional math or science course from the List of Approved General Education Courses. Students may attempt to "test out" of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course(s), in math or science from the List of Approved General Educational Courses.