

ENGLISH, ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Program Description

The Associate of Liberal Arts (AA) with an option in English provides the first two years of foundational courses that allow students to transfer into a baccalaureate program in English, which prepares them for careers in education, business, law, or publishing.

Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Liberal Arts-Option in English can transfer into majors such as English, Literature, Creative Writing, and Language Arts-Teacher's Certification. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. 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 degree is designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree in English. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a pathway to education, technical/grant/copy writing, and editing as well as prepare students for graduate programs in law, library science, and so on. 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> (<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.

Program Requirements

First Semester	Credit Hours
Communications	
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	
ENGL 260 The Shakespeare Plays I	3
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement (https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities)	3
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	
ENGL 255 World Literature Ancient through 1600 or ENGL 256 World Literature 1600 to Present	3
Math-Science-Tech	

Mathematics, Lab Science, 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
ENGL 142 The History and Grammar of English	3
English Program Elective Courses	
ENGL 211 Introduction to Poetry, ENGL 212 Introduction to Drama, ENGL 257 The Short Story, or ENGL 258 The Short Novel	3
ENGL 251 American Literature Through the Civil War or ENGL 252 American Literature Post Civil War	3
ENGL 153 Creative Writing or any 200 Level ENGL course	3
Elective	
Elective to meet 60 credits	1
Credit Hours	60
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 Education Courses.