

LIBERAL ARTS

Overview

Award: Associate of Arts Degree

Major: Liberal Arts

Additional Program Information:

The Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts cultivates students' critical thinking and writing skills amid a range of academic disciplines. It prepares students to engage with and analyze complex historical, social, and cultural issues.

This program provides a broad and flexible Liberal Arts curriculum and supports the Transfer Virginia common curricula in English, History, and the Visual Arts. The list of recommended transfer majors that fall under this award is not exclusive, and students should carefully consider the requirements to their intended four-year institution to determine if the Liberal Arts A.A. provides the most appropriate plan of study. Students are strongly encouraged to consult an academic advisor and review transfer options using the Transfer Virginia Portal at <https://www.transfervirginia.org/>. Many four-year institution specific guides are available that specify the appropriate elective choices for particular majors and pathways.

Nearly all four-year colleges and universities in Virginia, as well as some private institutions in the state, abide by the Virginia State Policy on Transfer. The policy states that students who complete the Blue Ridge Community College Liberal Arts A.A. will have met all lower division general education requirements at participating institutions. The policy does not guarantee admission to these institutions nor does it imply that each individual community college course will transfer. A copy of the Virginia State Policy on Transfer and additional information on articulation agreements with Virginia four-year colleges and universities is available in the Transfer Advising Center (<https://www.brcc.edu/student-support-services/advising/transfer-advising/>).

Four-year institutions have varied requirements for foreign language competency depending on major. Students should consult transfer guides and work with an academic advisor to determine if it is preferable to complete their transfer institution's language requirement at BRCC. Placement into the intermediate (201) level of a language is possible; consult an academic advisor.

Required Courses

Curriculum

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education		
Pathways under this degree may have specific requirements or recommendations for General Education coursework. Students should consult the appropriate transfer guide for their intended transfer major and senior institution.		
Block I - Written Communication		6
Select both:		
ENG 111	College Composition I	
ENG 112	College Composition II	
Block II - Humanities/Art/Literature (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/ucgselectives/#UCGS Block II)		6
(Select two courses from different categories)		
Block III - Social and Behavioral Science (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/ucgselectives/#UCGS Block III)		3
Block IV - Natural Sciences (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/ucgselectives/#UCGS Block IV)		4
Block V - Mathematics (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/ucgselectives/#UCGS Block V)		3
Block VI - History (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/ucgselectives/#UCGS Block VI)		3
Block VII - Specialized General Education Requirements (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/ucgselectives/#UCGS Block VII)		3
Communication - Select one of the following:		3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication	
Student Development		
SDV (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/sdv/)	Student Development	1
Transfer Core Electives (p. 2)		28-30

Students should consult the transfer guide for their intended transfer major and senior institution to determine the appropriate elective choices. Additional information on pathways supported by this degree can be found at the Additional Program Information link on the Overview tab.

Total Credit Hours

60-62

Liberal Arts Electives

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ACC 211	Principles of Accounting I	3
ACC 212	Principles of Accounting II	3
ADJ 100	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
ART 100	Art Appreciation	3
ART 101	History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic	3
ART 102	History of Art: Renaissance to Modern	3
ART 121	Drawing I	3
ART 131	Two-Dimensional Design	3
ART 132	Three-Dimensional Design	3
ART 153	Ceramics I	3
ART 154	Ceramics II	3
ART 223	Life Drawing	3
ART 235	Functional Ceramics	3
ART 236	Sculptural Ceramics	3
ART 241	Painting I	3
ART 243	Watercolor I	3
BIO 101	General Biology I	4
BIO 102	General Biology II	4
BIO 106	Life Science	4
BIO 256	General Genetics	4
BIO 270	General Ecology	4
BUS 100	Introduction To Business	3
BUS 200	Principles of Management	3
BUS 240	Introduction to Business Law	3
CHM 101	Introductory Chemistry I	4
CHM 111	General Chemistry I	4
CHM 112	General Chemistry II	4
CSC 110	Principles of Computer Science	3
CSC 221	Introduction to Problem Solving and Programming	3
CST 100	Principles of Public Speaking	3
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication	3
CST 126	Interpersonal Communication	3
CST 130	Introduction to the Theatre	3
CST 131	Acting I	3
CST 132	Acting II	3
CST 136	Theatre Workshop	1
CST 151	Film Appreciation I	3
CST 229	Intercultural Communication	3
ECO 150	Economic Essentials: Theory and Application ¹	3
ECO 201	Principles of Macroeconomics ¹	3
ECO 202	Principles of Microeconomics ¹	3
EDU 200	Foundations of Education	3
EGR 121	Foundations of Engineering	2
ENG 225	Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas	3

ENG 245	British Literature	3
ENG 246	American Literature	3
ENG 250	Children's Literature	3
ENG 255	World Literature	3
ENG 258	African American Literature	3
ENG 275	Women in Literature	3
GEO 210	People & Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography	3
GEO 220	World Regional Geography	3
GOL 105	Physical Geology	4
GOL 110	Earth Systems: An Environmental Geology Perspective	4
HIS 101	Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE	3
HIS 102	Western Civilizations Post 1600 CE	3
HIS 111	World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE	3
HIS 112	World Civilizations Post-1500 CE	3
HIS 121	United States History to 1877	3
HIS 122	United States History Since 1865	3
HIS 254	History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	3
HIS 267	The Second World War	3
HIS 276	United States History Since World War II	3
HIS 281	History of Virginia I	3
HLT 100	First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	2
HLT 110	Personal and Community Health	3
HLT 116	Introduction to Personal Wellness Concepts	3
HLT 250	General Pharmacology	3
HUM 210	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies	3
HUM 216	Introduction to Non-Western Cultures	3
HUM 220	Introduction to African American Studies	3
ITD 110	Web Page Design I	3
ITE 120	Principles of Information Systems	3
ITE 152	Introduction to Digital Literacy and Computer Applications	3
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	3
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning ²	3
MTH 245	Statistics I ²	3
MTH 161	Precalculus I ³	3
MTH 162	Precalculus II ³	3
MTH 167	Precalculus with Trigonometry ³	5
MTH 261	Applied Calculus I	3
MTH 263	Calculus I	4
MTH 264	Calculus II	4
MUS 121	Music in Society	3
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness	2
PHI 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI 220	Ethics and Society	3
PHT 164	Introduction to Digital Photography	3
PHT 264	Digital Photography II	3
PHY 100	Elements of Physics	4
PHY 201	General College Physics I	4
PHY 202	General College Physics II	4
PHY 241	University Physics I	4
PHY 242	University Physics II	4
PLS 135	U.S. Government & Politics	3
PLS 140	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3

PLS 241	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
REL 100	Introduction To Study of Religion	3
REL 230	Religions of The World	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 215	Sociology of the Family	3
SOC 266	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC 268	Social Problems	3
World Languages ⁴		3-4

¹ Students may not receive credit toward graduation for both ECO 150 and ECO 201 or ECO 150 and ECO 202.

² Students may not receive credit toward graduation for both MTH 154 and MTH 245.

³ Students may not receive credit toward graduation for both MTH 167 and MTH 161 or MTH 167 and MTH 162.

⁴ Any World Language 101, 102, 201, 202, including ASL (<https://catalog.brcc.edu/courses-az/asl/>).