



Liberal Arts

Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

The Liberal Arts program offers students a variety of courses to choose from and, at the same time, prepares students to transfer into the junior year at four-year colleges and universities in such fields as English, history, humanities, journalism, foreign languages, pre-law, literature, psychology, sociology, political science, philosophy, and education.

The program may be pursued part-time or full-time and may be completed by daytime or evening attendance. Successful graduates will be able to:

- understand the vocabulary and the major concepts present in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences;
- articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing;
- perform a series of thinking tasks including speculation, analysis, and synthesis (i.e., abstract reasoning);
- utilize research materials and approaches;
- speak, write, read, and comprehend a foreign language commensurate with the level of study.

The broad perspective of Liberal Arts provides students with a strong foundation in humanities, social science, natural science, and mathematics. Students who wish to major in a particular discipline (e.g., psychology) at their transfer institution can still graduate from Mercer with a total of 12 credits in that discipline; however, baccalaureate institutions prefer students to take most of the coursework in the major at their institution.

Students enrolled in the Liberal Arts program who intend to transfer to four-year colleges or universities are strongly advised to discuss their general education electives with an advisor. Selection of these courses will facilitate full transfer of general education credits completed toward the degree. All students should determine the requirements of the transfer institutions they would like to attend.

Liberal Arts majors have transferred to Rider University, The College of New Jersey, Rutgers University, and Temple University, among others. Students should consult with Transfer Services about available articulation agreements and transfer options.

Graduates not immediately pursuing additional degree work frequently enter government service, human services, and business.

Curriculum

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
— —	Social Science general education elective ⁴	3
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0) OR	3
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
— —	Social Science general education elective ⁴	3
ENG —	Literature elective ⁵	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective	3
— —	Humanities general education elective*	3
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
— —	Social Science program elective ^{6*}	3
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications ⁷	3
ENG —	Literature elective ⁵	3
— —	Diversity and Global Perspective elective	3
— —	Social Science program elective ^{6*}	3
— —	Program elective ⁸	3
		62-65

¹ Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113.

² MAT 108 and 120 are recommended. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.

³ Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language.

⁴ Recommended: PSY 101 or SOC 101 or 107. These courses can be taken in any order.

⁵ Select any 200-level ENG literature course (not limited to general education listings).

⁶ Select from all Social Science general education courses as well as many – not necessarily general education – in CMN, CRJ, EDU, POL, PSY, SOC, and WGS course categories. The list of Social Science program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor. Ordinarily, no more than six credits in any one Social Science discipline may be taken.

⁷ Substitution of a different Technology general education course or a second Natural Science general education course is possible only after consultation with an academic advisor or transfer counselor.

⁸ The list of approved program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.

* In addition to the two 200-level English literature courses, at least one Humanities or Social Science course must be at the 200 level.

†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.



Curriculum		
American Studies Concentration		
Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
HIS 105	U.S. History to 1865 (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
— —	Foreign Language elective ²	3
— —	Social Science general education elective ³	3
<hr/>		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)	3
	OR	3
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
HIS 106	U.S. History Since 1865 (3/0)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
MAT —	Mathematics elective ⁴	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ²	3
<hr/>		
ENG 205	American Literature I (3/0)	3
POL 101	American Political System (3/0)	3
HIS —	History elective	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ⁴	3-4
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
<hr/>		
ENG 206	American Literature II (3/0)	3
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications ⁵	3
— —	Diversity program elective ⁶	3
— —	Humanities general education elective [*]	3
— —	Social Science program elective ^{7*}	3
		62-65

¹ Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113.
² Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language.
³ Recommended: PSY 101 or SOC 101 or 107. These courses can be taken in any order.
⁴ MAT 108 and 120 are recommended. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.
⁵ Substitution of a different Technology general education course or a second Natural Science general education course is possible only after consultation with an academic advisor or transfer counselor.
⁶ Select from ART 126 (African American Art), ENG 213 (African American Literature), HIS 109 (African American History), HIS 218 (History of Latin America), or HIS 221 (History of American Women).
⁷ Select from all Social Science general education courses as well as many – not necessarily general education – in CMN, CRJ, EDU, POL, PSY, SOC, and WGS course categories. One elective must be at the 200 level. The list of Social Science program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.
^{*} In addition to the two 200-level English literature courses, at least one Humanities or Social Science course must be at the 200 level.
†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

Curriculum		
Global Studies Concentration		
Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
GEO 102	Cultural Geography (3/0)	3
HIS 112	World History to 1500 (3/0)	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ¹	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ²	3
<hr/>		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)	3
	OR	3
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
HIS 113	World History Since 1500 (3/0)	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ¹	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ²	3
<hr/>		
ECO 103	Basic Economics (3/0)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
POL 201	International Relations (3/0)	3
ENG —	Literature elective ³	3
— —	Foreign Language elective ²	3
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
<hr/>		
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications ⁴	3
— —	Foreign Language elective ²	3
— —	Philosophy OR Religious Studies OR History elective ⁵	3
— —	Social Science program elective ⁶	3
— —	Program elective ⁷	3
		62-65

¹ MAT 108 and 120 are recommended. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.
² Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language; or, two semesters each of two languages.
³ Select from ENG 203 (World Literature I), ENG 204 (World Literature II), ENG 232 (Post-Colonial Women Writers), ENG 234 (Caribbean Literature), or ENG/REL 235 (Encounters Between Religions Studied Through Literature).
⁴ Substitution of a different Technology general education course or a second Natural Science general education course is possible only after consultation with an academic advisor or transfer counselor.
⁵ Select carefully, with assistance from an academic advisor or transfer counselor.
⁶ Select from all Social Science general education courses as well as many – not necessarily general education – in CMN, CRJ, EDU, POL, PSY, SOC, and WGS course categories. One elective must be at the 200 level. The list of Social Science program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.
⁷ Recommended: ANT 101 (Anthropology), ART 124 (History of Non-Western Art), BUS 230 (Global Environment of Business), HIS 215 (The Holocaust and Other Genocides), HOS 115 (Food and Culture), POL 211 (Religion, Politics, and Extremism), SOC/WGS 132 (Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies), SOC 203 (Urban Sociology).
†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

NOTE: All program listings are subject to periodic updates. Please consult your program advisor, academic division, or www.mccc.edu/programs_degree



Curriculum

Humanities Concentration

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
— —	Social Science general education elective ⁴	3
<hr/>		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0) OR	3
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
— —	Social Science general education elective ⁴	3
<hr/>		
ENG —	Literature elective ⁵	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective	3
— —	Humanities elective ⁶	3
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
— —	Social Science program elective ⁷	3
<hr/>		
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications ⁸	3
PHI 102	Philosophy (3/0) OR	3
PHI 204	Ethics (3/0) OR	3
PHI 205	Moral Choices (3/0)	3
ENG —	Literature elective ⁵	3
— —	Diversity and Global Perspective elective	3
— —	Humanities elective ⁶	3
		62-65

¹ Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113.

² MAT 108 and 120 are recommended. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.

³ Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language.

⁴ Recommended: PSY 101 or SOC 101 or 107. These courses can be taken in any order.

⁵ Select any 200-level ENG literature course (not limited to general education listings).

⁶ Not limited to general education courses. One elective must be at the 200 level.

⁷ Select from all Social Science general education courses as well as many – not necessarily general education – in CMN, CRJ, EDU, POL, PSY, SOC, and WGS course categories. The list of Social Science program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.

⁸ Substitution of a different Technology general education course or a second Natural Science general education course is possible only after consultation with an academic advisor or transfer counselor.

†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

Curriculum

Political and Legal Studies Concentration

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
POL 101	American Political System (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
<hr/>		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0) OR	3
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
POL 102	State and Local Government (3/0)	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
<hr/>		
HIS 105	U.S. History to 1865 (3/0) OR	3
HIS 106	U.S. History Since 1865 (3/0) OR	3
HIS 207	American Constitutional History (3/0)	3
PHI 102	Philosophy (3/0)	3
SOC 107	Social Problems (3/0)	3
ENG —	Literature elective ⁴	3
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
<hr/>		
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications ⁵	3
PHI 204	Ethics (3/0) OR	3
PHI 205	Moral Choices (3/0)	3
POL 203	Law and Society (3/0)	3
POL 205	Constitutional Law (3/0) OR	3
POL 220	Philosophy of Politics (3/0)	3
— —	Diversity and Global Perspective elective	3
		62-65

¹ Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113.

² MAT 108 and 120 are recommended. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.

³ Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language.

⁴ Select any 200-level ENG literature course (not limited to general education listings).

⁵ Substitution of a different Technology general education course or a second Natural Science general education course is possible only after consultation with an academic advisor or transfer counselor.

†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.



Curriculum

Social Science Concentration

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (3/0)	3
	OR	
SOC 107	Social Problems (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
<hr/>		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)	3
	OR	
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (3/0)	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
<hr/>		
ENG —	Literature elective ⁴	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective	3
— —	Humanities general education elective	3
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
— —	Social Science program elective ⁵	3
<hr/>		
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications ⁶	3
ENG —	Literature elective ⁴	3
— —	Diversity and Global Perspective elective	3
— —	Social Science program elective ⁵	3
— —	Social Science program elective ⁵	3

62-65

¹ Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113.

² MAT 108 and 120 are recommended. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.

³ Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language.

⁴ Select any 200-level ENG literature course (not limited to general education listings).

⁵ Select from all Social Science general education courses as well as many – not necessarily general education – in CMN, CRJ, EDU, POL, PSY, SOC, and WGS course categories. One elective must be at the 200 level. The list of Social Science program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.

⁶ Substitution of a different Technology general education course or a second Natural Science general education course is possible only after consultation with an academic advisor or transfer counselor.

†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

Curriculum

Women's and Gender Studies Concentration

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (3/0)	3
HIS —	Historical Perspective general ed. elective ¹	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
<hr/>		
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)	3
	OR	
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)	3
HPE 110	Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)†	2
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (3/0)	3
	OR	
SOC 107	Social Problems (3/0)	3
MAT —	Mathematics elective ²	3-4
— —	Foreign Language elective ³	3
<hr/>		
ENG 221	Women in Literature (3/0)	3
	OR	
ENG 232	Post-Colonial Women Writers (3/0)	3
HIS 221	History of American Women (3/0)	3
	OR	
HIS 231	Women in Antiquity (3/0)	3
	OR	
HIS 232	Women in Modern Europe (3/0)	3
PSY 221	The Psychology of Women (3/0)	3
— —	Humanities general education elective	3
— —	Science laboratory elective	3-4
<hr/>		
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications ⁴	3
WGS221	Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies (3/0)	3
ENG —	Literature elective ⁵	3
— —	Social Science program elective ⁶	3
— —	Program elective ⁷	3

62-65

¹ Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113.

² MAT 108 and 120 are recommended. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.

³ Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language.

⁴ Substitution of a different Technology general education course or a second Natural Science general education course is possible only after consultation with an academic advisor or transfer counselor.

⁵ Select any 200-level ENG literature course (not limited to general education listings).

⁶ Select from all Social Science general education courses as well as many – not necessarily general education – in CMN, CRJ, EDU, POL, PSY, SOC, and WGS course categories. One elective must be at the 200 level. The list of Social Science program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.

⁷ The list of approved program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.

†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

NOTE: All program listings are subject to periodic updates. Please consult your program advisor, academic division, or www.mccc.edu/programs_degree