



## Why Liberal Arts?

### EXTENDED PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### Overview

**For centuries, a Liberal Arts degree has been a place** of self-discovery, personal growth, and prolonged vocational discernment. The degree program at MCC encourages students to consider their academic and career path through this lens: *Who am I? What do I value? What do I have to offer to my community and the larger world?*

The interdisciplinary nature of a Liberal Arts degree creates space for you to engage with multiple approaches to learning and gain a broad base of knowledge upon which to build. As a Liberal Arts student you will take courses across disciplines, including English and Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics. As you discover areas of interest, you can choose to take electives in those disciplines.

Built into the requirements of the program are touchpoint courses which will ground you in the academic discipline of liberal studies and provide checkpoints for goal setting and reflection, culminating in a comprehensive digital portfolio. The degree program is one of academic and vocational preparation to position you for transfer opportunities and career discernment.

#### Program Outcomes

The Liberal Arts A.A. degree provides a solid introduction to a wide range of disciplines, gaining knowledge and skills that will serve you well in every area of life, vocation and citizenship. You will also possess the necessary course requirements to support timely transfer to a 4-year institution to complete a baccalaureate degree.

If you enroll in the Liberal Arts program to explore interests and academic options, after finding an area of focus it is also easy to transfer and complete your degree in a different MCC program.

## Outcomes

### Employment Opportunities

Liberal Arts graduates will find that the knowledge, skills, and habits developed through their program of study are highly valued by employers, who are increasingly seeking “soft skills,” such as empathy, situational awareness and interpersonal skills. In addition to communication and writing skills, graduates will have learned strategies around self- and other- awareness that are increasingly rare and vital to the workplace.

### Transfer Opportunities

The NH Transfer Connections program streamlines the transfer process between schools in the Community College System of NH (CCSNH) and schools in the University System of NH (USNH).

Some of the outgoing transfer opportunities for MCC Liberal Arts degree students include:

- Boston University
- Emerson College
- Keene State College
- New England College (Honors Program Partner)
- Plymouth State University
- Rivier University
- Southern NH University
- University of New Hampshire
- University of Massachusetts
- ...and many more!

Requirements for transfer participants are outlined at: [nhtransfer.org/connections-program](http://nhtransfer.org/connections-program).

Additional information can also be obtained from MCC's Career Development & Transfer Services or on the website at [mccnh.edu/academics/transfer-options](http://mccnh.edu/academics/transfer-options).

# Degree & Certificate Curriculum Requirements

## Liberal Arts Degree

### Degree Program - First Year

First Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
FYE100LM	MCC Essentials	1	0	1
ENGL110XM or ENGL110M	College Composition I with Corequisite or College Composition I	4	0	4
	Science Elective (BIOL, CHEM, ENVS, ESCI, GEOL, PHYS)	3	0	3
	Social Science Elective (ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOC)	3	0	3
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective* or Open Elective	3	0	3
Total		14	0	14
First Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
HUMA110M	Foundations in Liberal Arts Studies	3	0	3
	Mathematics Elective (can be 3 or 4 credits)	3	0	3/4
	Social Science Elective (ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOC)	3	0	3
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective* or Open Elective	3	0	3
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective*	3	0	3
Total		15	0	15/16

### Degree Program - Second Year

Second Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ENGL220M	College Composition II***	4	0	4
HUMA206M	The Self, The Other and The Arts	3	0	3
	Mathematics Elective	3	0	3/4
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective* or Open Elective	3	0	3
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective* (must be 200 level)	3	0	3
Total		16	0	16/17
Second Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
HUMA211M	Liberal Arts: Community, Scholarship, Profession	3	0	3
	Lab Science Lab Elective (BIOL, CHEM, ENVS, ESCI, GEOL, PHYS)	3	3	4
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective* (must be 200 level)	3	0	3
	Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective* (must be 200 level)	3	0	3
	Social Science Elective (ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOC)	3	0	3
Total		15	3	16
Total Credits - 61/62/63				

\***Liberal Arts and Sciences Elective:** any course with ANTH, ARTS, ASL, BIOL, CHEM, ECON, ENGL, ENVS, ESCI, FREN, GEOG, GEOL, HIST, HUMA, MATH, PHIL, PHYS, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, or SPAN in the course number.

\*\***Open Elective:** any course for which the student meets prerequisite requirements.

\*\*\*Denotes milestone course which must be taken/passed in the semester indicated to maintain good standing in the degree program.

## The Core of the Curriculum

### FIRST YEAR ESSENTIALS

Lay the foundation for experiencing your Liberal Arts degree as a period of personal development and vocational discernment. This course provides both a philosophical framework and practical skills.



### FOUNDATIONS IN LIBERAL ARTS STUDIES

Experience the interdisciplinary nature of your program of study by exploring language, culture, history, technology and scholarship through four practical projects.

### THE SELF, THE OTHER AND THE ARTS

Embark on a reflective journey of engagement with the arts. Grow in insight and empathy by experiencing literature, art and music as a mirror in which to see the Self and a window through which to see the Other.

### COMMUNITY, SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSION

Make your degree practical beyond graduation by participating in a community-based internship, compiling a reflective portfolio of your studies, and planning for your future personal and professional development.

## Clues Liberal Arts Might Be For You:

### YOU AREN'T SURE WHAT YOU WANT TO STUDY.

With Liberal Arts you can take a variety of classes, to explore potential areas of interest.

### YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER.

A Liberal Arts degree includes most of your core requirements, saving you time and money when you transfer.

### YOU DON'T PLAN TO TRANSFER.

Earning an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts is a valuable credential in its own right, equipping you to be an informed citizen and a lifelong learner.

### YOU WANT TO FIND YOUR PURPOSE.

The program is designed to cultivate self-reflection and others awareness, helping you to know who you are and where you fit in the larger world.

### YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The program will help you match your abilities and interests to your community's needs.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Liberal Arts program has a Pre-Nursing Pathway! Within the Liberal Arts Program you have the flexibility to take various Science classes and other courses that may then be transferred into MCC's Nursing Program.

The Academic Advising Center works closely with Pre-Nursing Pathway students to create semester-by-semester plans to prepare you for your nursing applications. For questions, or to schedule an advising appointment, call 603-206-8140 or email [MCCAcademicAdvising@ccsnh.edu](mailto:MCCAcademicAdvising@ccsnh.edu).