

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Associate in Arts Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of Communication Arts and Sciences

Media Studies Option

The Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum offers a well-rounded education that prepares students for a wide range of career options. Students take courses in a diverse set of disciplines that provides a foundation for later specialization. The Media Studies option allows students interested in communication, mass media, and film and video studies or production to transfer to a senior college. Students who graduate with an AA Liberal Arts and Sciences: Media Studies option can pursue a variety of careers including television and/or film producer or director, screenwriter, corporate communications specialist, media analyst, and others.

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Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum (Pathways)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Required Core

- A. English Composition¹ (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Credits)
- C. Life and Physical Sciences² (3-4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 12-13

Flexible Core

- A. World Cultures and Global Issues (6 Credits)
- B. U.S. Experience in Diversity (3 Credits)
- C. Creative Expression (3 Credits)
- D. Individual and Society (3 Credits)
- E. Scientific World (3-4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 18-19

Major Requirements

Note: Students will complete a minimum of six credits of these requirements within the Flexible Core. Transfer students who have completed Common Core requirements at a previous institution will not be required to complete credits in excess of the 60 credit requirement.

- ART 11 Introduction to Art *OR*
ART 12 Introduction to Art History: Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East *OR*
MUS 11 Introduction to Music *OR*
MUS 12 Introduction to World Music (0-3 Credits)
- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (0-3 Credits)
- ENGLISH English Elective³ (0-3 Credits)
- HIS 10 History of the Modern World *OR*
HIS 11 Introduction to the Modern World (0-3 Credits)

- MODERN LANGUAGES⁴ Select one course from FRN, ITL, POR, or SPN (0-3 Credits)
- SOCIAL SCIENCE Select one course from ANT, ECO, POL, PSY, SOC (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- PEA Physical Education *OR*
HLT 91 Critical Issues in Health (1-2 Credits)
- LAB² Lab Science (0-1 Credit)
- Free Electives^{4,5} to complete 60 credits (3-16 Credits)

Media Studies Option Requirements

- FILM 61 Introduction to Film (0-3 Credits)
- FILM 91 World Cinema (0-3 Credits)
- MEST 60 Introduction to Mass Communication (0-3 Credits)
- MEST 96 Television, Society, and the Individual (0-3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 29-30

¹ ENG 110/111 plus one course from ENG 112, 114, 115, and 116. It is recommended that students choose ENG 115.

² Students may select either a 3 credit science course plus a lab course (1 cr.) or 4-credit STEM variant science course to fulfill Required Core C. Students selecting a 3-credit course in this area will have to take a 4-credit STEM variant science course in Flexible Area E in order to fulfill the lab requirement.

³ Choose any ENG course from ENG 120-199.

⁴ Select from any Modern Language listed at appropriate level with the exception of ITL 23.

⁵ It is recommended that students use free elective credits to take MEDP 18. Select additional free electives in consultation with Media Studies adviser.

NOTE: The Media Studies option is fully articulated with SUNY Empire State College. See the Transfer Planning web site for more details.