LIBERAL ARTS, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (304)

About Our Program

This program is designed for the student intending to transfer to a senior institution to complete a baccalaureate degree. Students who are undecided about their majors may follow this guideline. All courses may be applied to a major.

Nature of Work and Employment

Many employers seek employees with a non-specific baccalaureate degree. They desire applicants who possess a general body of knowledge rather than a specific concentration.

Special Considerations

Listed coursework is a recommendation only. Students should check with a student advisor for HCC graduation requirements and specific university requirements in this major. Students must meet with an advisor to ensure that the special requirements of the department and institution to which they plan to transfer are met. Colleges and universities have specific requirements for transfer students.

Requirements

Associate of Arts Requirements

Students must meet all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree (https://catalog.highland.edu/programs-available/aa-requirements/) in order to graduate from Highland Community College. For more information, please see your advisor.

First Semester		Hours
ENGL 121	Rhetoric and Composition I ¹	3
HIST 141	Western Civilization to 1648 ¹	3
PSY 161	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3
Foreign Language		4
Physical/Life Science Requirement		4
	Hours	17
Second Semester		
ENGL 122	Rhetoric and Composition II 1	3
HIST 142	Western Civ 1648 to Present ¹	3
MUS 267	Introduction To Music	3
Foreign Language		4
Physical/Life Science Requirement		3-4
	Hours	16-17
Third Semester		
HUMA 104	Introduction to Humanities	3

Introduction Sociology ¹ Hours	3 3 3 4 16
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Ethics	3
Hours	15
	3
Fund of Speech Communication	3
American Government & Politics ¹	3
Introduction to Philosophy	3
	American Government & Politics ¹ Fund of Speech Communication Hours Ethics

¹ Course has a prerequisite. See course description.

NOTE: Students should check with a student advisor about the differences in requirements between Arts and Science degrees.

Program Outcomes

- Written Communication: Students will be able to produce written work that displays college-level skills, insight, and critical thinking through meaningful and appropriate content.
- Oral Communication: Students will be able to prepare and deliver a purposeful presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors.
- Critical Thinking: Students will be able to evaluate and create arguments that consider a variety of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events.
- Quantitative Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to reason and solve quantitative problems from a wide array of authentic contexts and everyday life situations.
- Information Literacy: Students will engage in reflective discovery
 of information, evaluate information based on an understanding of
 how it is produced and valued, synthesize information to create new
 knowledge and participate ethically in communities of learning.
- Diversity: Students will recognize diversity in the global community and model culturally competent civic and social participation.

Program Contacts

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- · Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor/Transfer Coordinator
- Rae Schupbach-Roe, Dean, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts

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