



Liberal Arts

Associate Degree Program



About

The *Associate of Arts degree* program of study provides a solid core of courses in arts and sciences, allowing students to transfer with confidence to Baccalaureate programs at four-year colleges and universities. A wide variety of course choices exists for students to explore content areas in arts and sciences. American Studies courses offer an interdisciplinary approach to topics related to American society. English selections include writing courses, literature, communications, and technical writing. Social Science selections include anthropology, economics, history, geography, political science, psychology, and sociology. Foreign Language selections include American Sign Language, and Spanish. Humanities selections include courses in western civilization, humanities, literature, philosophy, communications and creative writing, and American Studies. Fine Arts selections include arts courses in drawing. Math courses offer traditional theoretical and applied courses. Science selections can include biology, biotechnology, chemistry and physics. Students wishing to focus their Liberal Arts studies in a specific discipline are able to concentrate their 21 Liberal Arts elective credits in that discipline. Each student's program is developed in consultation with an academic advisor.

In addition to fulfilling the mission of Baccalaureate transfer, the program will also provide the core of general education requirements for all degrees at this College.

Program Outcomes

The primary objective of the Liberal Arts Degree program is transfer. The program is representative of the first two years of a baccalaureate program. Its academic format emphasizes access to various disciplines of knowledge, critical thinking, and the principles and techniques of research within academic subject areas. Students will find the program flexible enough to allow them to select courses based on the requirements of the four-year colleges to which they plan to transfer or use their course selections to clarify their educational goals and to explore career opportunities and interests. This broad experience provides students with the academic exposure relevant to intellectual, personal, and social growth.

- Complete a degree program based upon the discovery and development of academic interests.
- Exposure to a variety of courses that satisfy general education requirements at GBCC and transfer institutions.
- Involvement in or completion of Associate of Arts concentrations that prepare students to transfer to specific baccalaureate degrees at four-year institutions.
- Participate in elective offerings in the Arts and Science disciplines that support intellectual enrichment and continued study in a variety of fields.

Through their involvement in a variety of Arts and Sciences courses, students will develop the skills necessary to interpret facts, solve problems, evaluate issues, appreciate aesthetics, develop multiple perspectives, and think critically and creatively.

Liberal Arts Concentrations

The following focused Associate of Arts concentrations provide the opportunity for students to transfer to specific Baccalaureate degrees at four-year institutions:

Liberal Arts/American Studies
Liberal Arts/Chemistry
Liberal Arts/Teacher Preparation

Why Liberal Arts at Great Bay?

- Articulation agreements to a variety of New England colleges and universities.
- Small class size and individual attention from instructors and advisors.
- Credentialed faculty with extensive industry experience.





Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Beginning Semester: _____



YOUR PATHWAY TO AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE
This **ACADEMIC MAP** keeps you on track to graduate in two years

DEGREE PROGRAM

Year 1: Fall Semester

Course #	Course Name	Prerequisites (p)/ Corequisites (c)	Credits	Semester	Grade Earned	Transfer
ENGL110G	College Composition I	Placement testing or a grade of C or better in ENGL099G (p)	4			
MATHXXX	College-level Mathematics		4-5			
CRIT150G	Critical Thinking		3			
ANTH105G	Introduction to Ethnography: The World of Work		4			
<i>Sub-Total</i>			15-16			

Year 1: Spring Semester

ENGL214G	Introduction to Creative Nonfiction	ENGL110G or equivalent (p)	3			
Lab Science Elective	Lab Science Elective		4			
MATHXXX	College-level Mathematics		4			
Foreign Language/ Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	Foreign Language/ Humanities/Fine Arts Elective		3			
Open elective	Open elective		3			
<i>Sub-Total</i>			17			

Year 2: Fall Semester

Foreign Language/ Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	Foreign Language/ Humanities/Fine Arts Elective		3			
Lab Science elective	Lab Science elective		4			
Social Science elective	Social Science elective		3			
200-level Liberal Arts elective	200-level Liberal Arts elective		3			
Open elective	Open elective		3			
<i>Sub-Total</i>			16			

Year 2: Spring Semester

Social Science elective	Social Science elective		3			
100-level Liberal Arts elective	100-level Liberal Arts elective		3			
200-level Liberal Arts elective	200-level Liberal Arts elective		3			
200-level Liberal Arts elective	200-level Liberal Arts elective		3			
Open elective	Open elective		3			
<i>Sub-Total</i>			15			

Liberal Arts electives (American Studies, Art, English, Geography, History, Humanities, Languages, Math, Natural Resources, Social Sciences, and Sciences) can include three Open electives, as appropriate to the prerequisite requirements of other programs. A computer literacy course can be included within the Open Electives area. Electives must include at least 3 Liberal Arts courses at the 200 level.

Total Credits 63-64

SUCCESS STRATEGIES

- Take English and Math in your first semester.
- Explore Transfer opportunities.
- Consider Summer courses to catch up or get ahead.
- Check your student email daily.
- Meet with your Academic Advisor every semester.
- Take advantage of Tutoring Services.
- Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 to graduate.