

LIBERAL STUDIES, Certificate - 7166

Communication, Humanities & the Arts Department

CIP Code: 24.0101

The Liberal Studies certificate is designed for students who wish to complete their freshman year of college before transferring to a four-year school. Students are able to complete standard general education courses, and establish a record of college-level academic success. This may put them in a better position to enter selective-admission four-year schools, or better-position themselves for academic scholarships. Students can also explore various majors while taking standard general education courses before transferring. This certificate may be completed at the Harrisburg, Lancaster and York campuses through on-campus/in-person instruction. Also, this certificate may be completed at the Gettysburg Campus through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction) in addition to on-campus/in-person instruction.

Career or Transfer Opportunities

Students who complete the Liberal Studies certificate are recognized as having completed a general freshman year curriculum and can therefore, transfer to a four-year school at the sophomore level.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Conduct college-level mathematical computations and analyses
- Create and express ideas through writing in a clear, organized manner appropriate for the intended audience
- Construct and orally present information appropriate to one's audience
- Access, evaluate and cite sources to meet information needs
- Describe of the patterns and processes that shape the living and non-living natural world derived from experiment and observation
- Describe human behavior and interaction involving the educational, political, economic, geographical, historical, anthropological, psychological, or sociological factors that influence individual and social growth and development
- Demonstrate an understanding of fine arts, the performing arts, literature, foreign language, or philosophy

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 30)

General Education	Major Requirements	Other Required Courses
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	Transfer Electives
ENGL 102 English Composition II (or)	3	9
ENGL 104 Technical Writing (or)	(3)	
ENGL 106 Business Writing	(3)	
COMM 101 Effective Speaking (or)	3	
COMM 203 Interpersonal Communication	(3)	
Humanities & the Arts Core Elective	3	
Mathematics Core Elective – <i>MATH 103, 111, 119 or 202</i>	3 or 4	
Science with a Laboratory Core Elective	3	
Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	
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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part-time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I	
ENGL 101	3	COMM 101 or 203	3
MATH 103, 111, 119 or 202	3 or 4	ENGL 102, 104 or 106	3
Science w/ Lab Core Elective	3	Humanities/Arts Core Elective	3
Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	Transfer Electives	6
Transfer Elective	3		