Liberal Arts

Required Courses

Why Choose Liberal Arts?

If you plan to obtain a liberal arts degree in a major not available at Ferris State University, you should consider the associate of liberal arts program. During the first year, you take basic courses including English, communication, culture and humanities, science, mathematics and social sciences. However, the design of the program allows for flexibility through choice of electives. Therefore, it is possible for you to earn an associate of arts degree while working towards a specific major.

These courses can also be applied to the bachelor of arts degrees at Ferris, or into other career programs in the College of Arts and Sciences such as Psychology, Applied Speech Communication, Technical and Professional Communication and Public Administration, and also into career programs in the Colleges of Education and Human Services, Business and Allied Health Sciences.

As a Liberal Arts major, you will be assigned a faculty advisor to assist you with program planning. Career counseling is available at the Ferris Career and Educational Counseling Center.

Career Opportunities

Liberal Arts provides the educational foundation needed for all careers because it teaches:

- Thinking
- Reading
- Communicating
- Analyzing
- Problem solving

You may earn an associate in arts degree while working toward a specific career objective. Faculty advisors will assist you with educational planning.

Admission Requirements

First year student admission is open to high school graduates (or equivalent) who demonstrate academic preparedness, maturity and seriousness of purpose with educational backgrounds appropriate to their chosen program of study. High school courses and grade point average, ACT/SAT16 composite score, and ACT/SAT16 reading and mathematics subscores will be considered in the admission and placement process. Transfer students must have at least 12 credits at the time of application with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA including an English and
mathematics course, or they must provide their high school records and ACT/SAT16 scores for admission review.

**General Education Requirements**

All University General Education requirements for an Associate's degree is here

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives.

Consult the Required Course above or program advisor for program specific General Education requirements.

**Graduation Requirements**

The Liberal Arts program at Ferris leads to an associate in arts degree. Graduation requires a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. Students must complete a minimum of 60 college credits including all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website and complete a 20-credit concentration of Cultural and Self and Society coursework.

**More Information**

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