Associate of Arts
LIBERAL ARTS

This program provides a strong academic foundation for successful transfer to various bachelor degrees, such as the Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies at Northern or a Bachelor of Arts in University Studies at other institutions.

This degree fosters exploration of differing perspectives and fields of study and provides development of essential skills of critical thinking, communication, and creativity, and supports awareness of community and diversity.

Students earning an AA degree in Liberal Arts will identify a concentration as an emphasis for the degree.

GENERAL EDUCATION (38 CR) SEE PAGES 26-29.

Area I. Communications (9 cr)
Area II. Mathematics (3 cr)
Area III. Laboratory Sciences (8 cr)
Area IV. Social/Behavioral Sciences (6-9 cr)
Area V. Humanities and Fine Arts (6-9 cr)
Area VI. First Year Experience (3 cr)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (24 CR)

Foundations in the Liberal Arts (9 cr)
- Critical Thinking:
  - PHIL 250 Critical Thinking (3)
- Second Language:
  - SPAN courses or PIS 245 (3)
- Creative Studies (3)
  - Choose one course from the following list of courses
    - ENG 221 Creative Writing
    - ART 105, 107, 208, or 211
    - MUS 105
    - THE 120, 130, 224, or 238
    - DANC 240 or 245
    - FDMA 101, 102, 115, 280

Concentration in a Specific Discipline (9 cr)

Students are required to take three courses (9 credit hours) from one of the following academic areas:
- Philosophy (PHIL)
- History (HIST)
- Literature (ENG, excluding ENG 111, 112, and 116)
- Sociology (SOC)
- Psychology (PSY)
Students may choose to create a concentration of Cultural Studies, which would combine approved courses with ENG, PIS, HUM, HIS, PHIL, SOC, CHIC, or ANTH prefixes.

**Electives (3 cr)**

*Must be taken from the following discipline areas:*

- Area I. Communications
- Area II. Mathematics
- Area III. Laboratory Sciences
- Area IV. Social/Behavioral Sciences
- Area V. Humanities and Fine Arts

**Elective from any discipline (3 cr)**

**TOTAL CREDITS: 62**