Associate of Arts
LIBERAL ARTS 2012-2014

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.


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)

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   HUM 100 FYE: History and Culture of Northern New Mexico (3)
   Select one or two of the Area V courses listed on page 27.

Area VI. Library Technology (1 cr)
   LT 101 Library Research Skills (1)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (27 CR)

Foundations in the Liberal Arts (9 cr)
   Critical Thinking: PHIL 250 Critical Thinking (3)
   Language other than English: 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 (9 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: 63