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Welcome! The College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences offers a general associate-level degree to students. This two-year degree encompasses general education courses, a concentration of the humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences, and elective hours.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree allows students to: a) increase their earning potential or increase their level of responsibility within a current position; b) complete YSU’s Ohio transfer module (OTM) which ensures coursework will transfer to another state institution within Ohio; c) serve as a short-term goal on their way to a baccalaureate level degree; and d) earn a degree using courses already completed.

To inquire about earning the Associate of Arts degree, please contact an advisor in the Division of Academic Advising in the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences.

Contact Information
Division of Academic Advising
DeBartolo Hall, Room 121
(330) 941-3413

Associate of Arts (AA) Requirements:
All courses completed for the Associate of Arts general education model must be Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) approved.

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Knowledge Domains: (all General Education courses must be OTM approved courses - please consult an academic advisor regarding GER coursees)
- 2 Natural Sciences courses + Lab (one must include a lab)
- 2 Humanities Courses
- 2 Social Science Courses
- 1 Natural Science GER + Lab
- 1 Arts & Humanities GER

Concentration Area: Students choose one of three concentration areas (see list below)
- Concentration Course
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Courses in the concentration must have grades of "C" or better

Elective(s): Students must complete electives to total 60 sh for the AA degree
- Total Semester Hours: 60

The last 20 semester hours and at least 16 s.h. of the concentration area must be completed at Youngstown State University.

Concentration Areas:
Students choose one concentration area below.

Humanities
Applicable courses include:
- literature courses in English or Foreign Language departments
- courses in philosophy and religious studies
- survey and/or appreciation courses in the Department of Art, the Department of Communication, the Department of Theatre and Dance, or the Dana School of Music
- AFST 2601 Introduction to Africana Studies

Social Studies
Courses must be selected from the following disciplines:
- Africana Studies (AFST 2600 Introduction to Africana Studies 1 only)
- anthropology
- economics
- human and regional geography
- history
- political science
- psychology
- sociology

Natural Sciences
Courses must be selected from the following disciplines:
- astronomy
- biology
- chemistry
- environmental science
- geology
- physics
- physical geography
- A&S/STEM 2600 (no longer offered)

Year 1

Fall
- ENGL 1550 Writing 1 3
- MATH 1510 College Algebra 4
- Natural Science GER + Lab 4
- Arts & Humanities GER 3
- Semester Hours 14

Spring
- ENGL 1551 Writing 2 3
- Social Science GER 3
- Natural Science GER 3
- Arts & Humanities GER 3
- Concentration Course 3
- Semester Hours 15

Year 2

Fall
- CMST 1545 Communication Foundations 3
- Social Science GER 3
- Concentration Course 3
- Concentration Course 3
Concentration Course 3
Semester Hours 15

Spring
Concentration Course 3
Concentration Course 3
Concentration Course 3
GER Elective 3
GER Elective 3
Elective hours additional hours may be needed to total 60sh 1

Semester Hours 16
Total Semester Hours 60

Learning Outcomes

All students will:

• (1) Demonstrate effective written communication.
• (2) Develop skills to enter the work force or build upon a liberal arts foundation to succeed in upper division coursework if pursuing a baccalaureate degree.

Social Studies concentrations:

• (3) Students will demonstrate an understanding of relationships of individuals and groups in their geographical, historical, global, societal, or cultural contexts.

Humanities concentrations:

• (4) Students will demonstrate an understanding of artistic expression in multiple forms and contexts. (GER Learning Outcome 8)
• (5) Students will demonstrate an understanding of the humanistic perspective including philosophy, ethics, critical thinking, religious inquiry, and diversity.

Natural Science concentrations:

• (6) Students will demonstrate an understanding of the natural environment and the processes that shape it. (GER Learning Outcome 13)