

LIBERAL ARTS, A.A.

Program Description

The Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts degree is structured like the Bachelor's degree programs, but requires only half as many (60) credit hours to attain. The courses which fulfill the requirements for the Associate degree can usually be applied to the Bachelor's degree, as long as the student consults their advisor where specific major requirements are integrated into the Core. Free electives for the Associate's degree should be chosen in consultation with an academic advisor. At least 30 credit hours must be fulfilled at La Salle University.

Why Take This Major?

An Associate in Arts degree is an excellent stepping stone into a bachelor's degree program here at La Salle. The associate degree will provide you the opportunity to fulfill the University Core requirements and the Institutional Learning Objectives – Level One. Within the Core, you can explore some of the academic disciplines, and also augment your academic experience by taking courses in other disciplines to attain the necessary total of 60 credits. This degree is an excellent foundation on which to base future academic and career decisions.

Degree Earned

Associate (A.A.) in Liberal Arts

Required for Graduation

- Credits
 - Total: 60
- GPA
 - Major: 2.0
 - Cumulative: 2.0

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will have completed all twelve Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) at Level One.

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to understand and appreciate diverse perspectives and worldviews. (ILO 1.1)
2. Students will engage in reflective thinking to examine their own values, beliefs, and biases. (ILO 2.1)
3. Students will apply scientific methods to analyze and solve problems. (ILO 3.1a)
4. Students will apply quantitative reasoning to analyze and solve problems. (ILO 3.1b)
5. Students will critically analyze information and construct reasoned arguments. (ILO 4.1)
6. Students will effectively locate, evaluate, and use information from various sources. (ILO 5.1)
7. Students will demonstrate proficiency in using current technologies to achieve academic and professional goals. (ILO 6.1)
8. Students will make informed decisions about personal health. (ILO 7.1a)
9. Students will make informed decisions about financial well-being. (ILO 7.1b)
10. Students will communicate clearly and effectively in oral forms. (ILO 8.1a)

11. Students will communicate clearly and effectively in written forms. (ILO 8.1b)
12. Students will express ideas and emotions through various forms of creative and artistic expression. (ILO 9.1)
13. Students will apply ethical principles to analyze and address complex issues. (ILO 10.1)
14. Students will demonstrate awareness and understanding of diverse cultures and global issues. (ILO 11.1)
15. Students will collaborate effectively with others through oral communication and active engagement. (ILO 12.1)

Major Requirements

- 36-38 credits of core courses, including First Year Seminar (FYS) to meet the University Core Curriculum requirements (12 Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs))
- 22-24 additional elective credits, preferably with a concentration in a specific discipline (4 courses)

Code	Title	Credits
Level One - Core Courses		
<i>Universal Required Courses</i>		
Students must complete the following 4 courses.		
ILO 8.1: Written Communication (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
ENG 110	College Writing I: Persuasion	3
or ENG 111	Academic Writing & Writing Lab	
ILO 5.1: Information Literacy (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
ENG 210	College Writing II: Research	3
ILO 1.1: Understanding Diverse Perspectives (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
FYS 130	First-Year Academic Seminar	3
ILO 2.1: Reflective Thinking and Valuing (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
REL 100	Religion Matters	3
<i>Elective Core Courses</i>		
Students must complete 1 course in each of the following 4 ILOs.		
ILO 3.1a: Scientific Reasoning (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		3-4
ILO 3.1b: Quantitative Reasoning (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		3-4
ILO 6.1: Technological Competency (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		3
ILO 8.1a/12.1: Oral Communication/Collaborative Engagement (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		3
<i>Distinct Discipline Core Courses</i>		
Students must complete 1 course in each of the following 4 ILOs. Each course must be from a different discipline. (A "discipline" is represented by the 3- or 4-letter prefix attached to each course.)		

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Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		3-4
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ILO 6.1: Technological Competency (<https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/>)

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ILO 8.1a/12.1: Oral Communication/Collaborative Engagement (<https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/>)

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ILO 4.1: Critical Analysis and Reasoning (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	3
ILO 9.1: Creative and Artistic Expression (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	3
ILO 10.1: Ethical Understanding and Reasoning (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	3
ILO 11.1: Cultural and Global Awareness and Sensitivity (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	
Choose course within ILO (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)	3
Total Credits	36-38

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Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
First Semester		
FYS 130	First-Year Academic Seminar	3
ENG 110	College Writing I: Persuasion	3
ILO 3.1b: Quantitative Reasoning (https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/ilo/)		3-4
Elective Core Courses		3
Elective Core Courses		3
Credits		15-16
Second Semester		
Elective Core Courses		3
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Elective Core Courses		3
Elective Core Courses		3
Elective Core Courses		3
Credits		15
Second Year		
First Semester		
ENG 210	College Writing II: Research	3
Elective Core Courses		3
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Elective Core Courses		3
Credits		15
Second Semester		
Elective Core Courses		3
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Credits		15
Total Credits		60-61

Course Descriptions

All course descriptions may be found in the main menu under Undergraduate > Courses: A-Z (<https://catalog.lasalle.edu/undergraduate/courses-az/>).

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