



## Liberal Arts: Associate in Arts Degree

The Liberal Arts program provides courses that develop general intellectual capacities, such as reason and judgment. These studies encourage students to think clearly and creatively, to seek and assess information, and to communicate effectively. As the liberal arts are the foundation for a good education in any field, many of the courses are prerequisite for career and technical programs. Beyond the mission of preparing students for further education, the Liberal Arts program is committed to developing well-rounded individuals with the skills to face the challenges of life and to make positive contributions to society.

### *Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) updated 02/28/2022:*

1. Apply appropriate English language skills to effectively communicate complex ideas in academic and professional contexts.
2. Apply an iterative, reflective approach to finding, evaluating, and using information.
3. Apply mathematical concepts and quantitative literacy skills to solve problems.
4. Engage with artistic expression by applying established aesthetic principles and analytical techniques.
5. Apply evidence-based theories and methods of scientific inquiry to test ideas, predict outcomes, observe and measure results, and make informed decisions.
6. Use knowledge of diverse human experiences and ways of knowing from different times, nations, cultures, ethnicities, classes, and identities to inform critical thought and intellectual empathy.

## FALL (SEMESTER 1)

| Course | Course Title/Category                                   | Credits |
|--------|---|---------|
|        | Electives: Any 100-level or higher course (6 credits)   | 6       |
|        | Foundations: Quantitative Reasoning (FQ): Any FQ course | 3       |
|        | Foundations: Written Communication (FW): Any FW course  | 3       |
|        | Oral Communication                                      | 3       |

## SPRING (SEMESTER 2)

| Course | Course Title/Category  | Credits |
|--------|--|---------|
|        | Diversification: Arts (DA), Humanities (DH), or Literatures (DL)                         | 3       |
|        | Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB) or Physical Sciences (DP): Any DB or DP course | 3       |
|        | Diversification: Laboratory (science) (DY): Any DY course                                | 1       |
|        | Electives: Any 100-level or higher course (6 credits)                                    | 6       |
|        | Foundations: Global and Multicultural Perspectives (FG): Any FGA, FGB, or FGC course     | 3       |

1. Diversification: Arts (DA), Humanities (DH), and Literatures (DL): A total of 6 credits are required. The DA, DH, or DL courses should be taken in semesters 2 and 3. The 6 credits must be from two different designations.
2. Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB)/Physical Sciences (DP): Only 1 DB course and 1 DP course is required. If the DB course is taken in semester 2, the DP course should be fulfilled in semester 3 or vice versa.
3. Diversification: Laboratory (science) (DY): Only 1 DY course is required and may be completed in semester 2 or 3.
4. Foundations: Global and Multicultural Perspectives (FG): A total of 6 credits are required. The FG courses should be taken in semesters 2 and 3. Any two courses with different FG designations are required.

## FALL (SEMESTER 3)

| Course | Course Title/Category   | Credits |
|--------|---|---------|
|        | Diversification: Arts (DA), Humanities (DH), or Literatures (DL)                            | 3       |
|        | Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB) or Physical Sciences (DP):<br>Any DB or DP course | 3       |
|        | Diversification: Social Sciences (DS): Any DS course  | 3       |
|        | Electives: Any 100-level or higher course (3 credits)                                       | 3       |
|        | Foundations: Global and Multicultural Perspectives (FG): Any FGA,<br>FGB, or FGC course     | 3       |

1. Diversification: Arts (DA), Humanities (DH), and Literatures (DL): A total of 6 credits are required. The DA, DH, or DL courses should be taken in semesters 2 and 3. The 6 credits must be from two different designations.
2. Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB)/Physical Sciences (DP): Only 1 DB course and 1 DP course is required. If the DB course is taken in semester 2, the DP course should be fulfilled in semester 3 or vice versa.
3. Diversification: Social Sciences (DS): A total of 6 credits are required. The DS courses should be taken in semesters 3 and 4. The courses must be from two different disciplines.
4. Foundations: Global and Multicultural Perspectives (FG): A total of 6 credits are required. The FG courses should be taken in semesters 2 and 3. Any two courses with different FG designations are required.

## SPRING (SEMESTER 4)

| Course | Course Title/Category                                  | Credits |
|--------|--|---------|
|        | Diversification: Social Sciences (DS): Any DS course   | 3       |
|        | Electives: Any 100-level or higher course (11 credits) | 11      |

1. Diversification: Social Sciences (DS): A total of 6 credits are required. The DS courses should be taken in semesters 3 and 4. The courses must be from two different disciplines.

## Graduation Requirements (to be satisfied within the 60-credit A.A. degree)

| Course | Course Title/Category   | Credits   |
|--------|---|-----------|
|        | Graduation Requirement: Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (HAP)<br>or Pacific Cultures (PC): Any HAP or PC course |           |
|        | Graduation Requirement: Writing Intensive (WI): At least 2 WI<br>courses  |           |
|        | <b>Total credits:</b>   | <b>60</b> |

## Category Descriptions

### Foundations: Quantitative Reasoning (FQ): Any FQ course

Credits required for category: 3

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Foundations: Written Communication (FW): Any FW course

Credits required for category: 3

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Oral Communication

Credits required for category: 3

Choose from the following:

SP 151 ( 3), SP 181 ( 3), SP 231 ( 3), SP 251 ( 3)

## Diversification: Arts (DA), Humanities (DH), or Literatures (DL)

Credits required for category: 3

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Diversification: Biological Sciences (DB) or Physical Sciences (DP): Any DB or DP course

Credits required for category: 3

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Diversification: Laboratory (science) (DY): Any DY course

Credits required for category: 1

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Foundations: Global and Multicultural Perspectives (FG): Any FGA, FGB, or FGC course

Credits required for category: 3

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Diversification: Social Sciences (DS): Any DS course

Credits required for category: 3

Refer to the "Diversification and Foundations Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Graduation Requirement: Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Issues (HAP) or Pacific Cultures (PC): Any HAP or PC course

Refer to the "Graduation Requirement Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for a list of courses that will fulfill this category.

## Graduation Requirement: Writing Intensive (WI): At least 2 WI courses

Refer to the "Graduation Requirement Course List" under the "Programs (Certificates and Degrees)" section of the catalog for more information.