

Recommendations of the Liberal Arts Degree Committee
Presented at the January 28, 2015 Academic Senate college meeting

I. Associate of Arts Degree

- a. Summary: The committee recommends the creation of a new associate degree to be called the Associate of Arts (AA).
- b. Overview: The AA degree will maximize student completability and transferability (1) by being in conformity with Michigan Transfer Degree requirements and (2) by offering the student the maximum flexibility in taking courses that will complete requirements of programs of study at transfer institutions.
- c. Degree Requirements
 - i. 30-36 credits (depending upon which courses are selected) that satisfy Michigan Transfer Degree requirements.
 1. 1 course from the MTA English Composition list
 2. 1 course from the MTA Communications list
 3. 1 course from the MTA Mathematics list
 4. 2 courses of different disciplines from the MTA Social Sciences list
 5. 2 courses of different disciplines from the MTA Fine/Arts Humanities list
 6. 2 courses of different disciplines from the MTA Natural Sciences list, one of which must include a laboratory component
 - ii. Remaining necessary electives to total at least 62 credits from courses numbered 1000 through 2999.
 - iii. All courses must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

II. Associate in Liberal Arts Degree

- a. Summary: The committee recommends making a number of changes to the Associate in Liberal Arts degree (ALA).
- b. Overview: The ALA degree will continue to require a breadth of experience and academic rigor, and it will be changed to conform to the Michigan Transfer Agreement in order to increase the transferability of its coursework to other institutions.
- c. Degree Requirements
 - i. 30-36 credits (depending upon which courses are selected) that satisfy Michigan Transfer Degree requirements.
 1. 1 course from the MTA English Composition list
 2. 1 course from the MTA Communications list
 3. 1 course from the MTA Mathematics list
 4. 2 courses of different disciplines from the MTA Social Sciences list
 5. 2 courses of different disciplines from the MTA Fine Art/Humanities list
 6. 2 courses of different disciplines from the MTA Natural Sciences list, one of which must include a laboratory component
 - ii. Additional required coursework
 1. A third ENG or COM course from the MTA lists
 2. A third Social Sciences course from the MTA Social Sciences list
 3. A third Fine Arts/Humanities course from the General Education list
 4. A course from the Physical Education General Education list
 - iii. Remaining necessary electives to total at least 62 credits from courses numbered 1000 through 2999.
 - iv. All courses must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

Summary of Recommended Changes to the Associate in Liberal Arts Degree

Current Communication/English		
ENG 1510	Composition I	3
ENG 1520	Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3
COM 1290	Interpersonal Communication	3
COM 1600	Fundamentals of Speech	3
COM 2290	Intercultural Communication	3
COM 2620	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3

Current Fine Arts/Humanities		
Select 11 credits from the following. These courses must be taken in more than one academic discipline. Courses may be selected from the Fine Arts/Humanities General Education Distribution list		11
or from the courses listed below:		
ART 2600	American Art	3
ENG 2760	Introduction to Shakespeare	3
FRE 2610	Intermediate French I	4
FRE 2620	Intermediate French II	4
JPN 2610	Intermediate Japanese I	4
JPN 2620	Intermediate Japanese II	4
SPA 2610	Intermediate Spanish I	4
SPA 2620	Intermediate Spanish II	4

Current Mathematics/Sciences		
MAT 1150	Intermediate Algebra (or higher)	4
Select four additional credits of approved lab/science courses from the Mathematics/Science General Education Distribution list.		4

Recommended New Communication/English		
ENG 1510	Composition I	3
ENG 1520	Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
COM 1290	Interpersonal Communication	3
COM 1600	Fundamentals of Speech	3
COM 2290	Intercultural Communication	3
COM 2620	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
ENG 2200	Professional Communication	4

Recommended New Fine Arts/Humanities		
Select two courses from the Fine Arts/Humanities Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list. These courses must be taken in more than one academic discipline.		6-8
Select one course from the Fine Arts/Humanities General Education Distribution list.		3-4

Recommended New Mathematics		
Select one course from the Mathematics Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list.		3-4

Recommended New Natural Sciences		
Select two courses from the Natural Sciences Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list. These courses must be taken from more than one academic discipline. At least one course must include a laboratory component.		7-10

Current Physical Education

Select a minimum of one credit hour from the Physical Education courses listed in the General Education Distribution list.

Current American Government

POL 1510	American Government	3
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Current Social Science

Select eight credits from the Social Science courses listed in the General Education Distribution list, or any other courses with the same prefix (ANT, ECO, GEO, HIS, POL, PSY, SSC, SOC except POL 1510). These courses must be taken in more than one academic discipline. 8

Current Grade Requirement: minimum cumulative 2.00 grade point average (GPA) overall.

Recommend New Physical Education

Select one course from the Physical Education General Education Distribution list.

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Recommended New Social Sciences

Select two courses from the Social Sciences Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list. These courses must be taken in more than one academic discipline. 6-7

Select one course with a Social Science prefix (ANT, ECO, GEO, HIS, POL, PSY, SSC, SOC). 3-4

Recommended New Grade Requirement: all courses must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

Recommended New Associate in Liberal Arts Degree

Communication/English		
ENG 1510	Composition I	3
ENG 1520	Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
COM 1290	Interpersonal Communication	3
COM 1600	Fundamentals of Speech	3
COM 2290	Intercultural Communication	3
COM 2620	Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
ENG 2200	Professional Communication	4
Fine Arts/Humanities		
Select two courses from the Fine Arts/Humanities Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list . These courses must be taken in more than one academic discipline.		6-8
Select one course from the Fine Arts/Humanities General Education Distribution list .		3-4
Mathematics		
Select one course from the Mathematics Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list .		3-4
Natural Sciences		
Select two courses from the Natural Sciences Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list . These courses must be taken from more than one academic discipline. At least one course must include a laboratory component.		7-10
Physical Education		
Select one course from the Physical Education General Education Distribution list .		1-3
Social Sciences		
Select two courses from the Social Sciences Michigan Transfer Agreement Distribution list . These courses must be taken in more than one academic discipline.		6-7
Select one course with a Social Science prefix (ANT, ECO, GEO, HIS, POL, PSY, SSC, SOC).		3-4
Total Credit Hours for Program-Related Courses		38-50
Necessary electives to total at least 62 credits must also be completed from courses numbered 1000 through 2999 to meet requirements for an Associate in Liberal Arts degree.		

All coursework used to fulfill Liberal Arts degree requirements must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher in each course.