

# LIBERAL ARTS (AA)

Department Website (<https://www.sps.nyu.edu/homepage/academics/associate-degrees/aa-in-liberal-arts.html#:~:text=The%20Associate%20of%20Arts%20in,site%2C%20or%20hybrid%20degree%20program>)

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## Program Description

The Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts prepares you to write effectively and to think analytically, while allowing you to explore the various fields of study in liberal arts. You become familiar with common bodies of knowledge—both classical and contemporary; enrich your existing understanding of the world; and develop a broader framework for anticipating and addressing social change in a global context. Acquiring a common core of knowledge, and subsequently exploring specific subjects within that core, helps to provide the strong liberal arts foundation for which the NYU School of Professional Studies Paul McGhee Division is known.

The Associate in Arts degree is offered as an option if you have previously earned fewer than 30 college credits. It is a valuable academic credential that can enhance your current work experience and can serve as the foundation for earning a bachelor’s degree. If you continue your studies at McGhee by earning either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science, the Associate of Arts satisfies all of the courses required to complete the McGhee core curriculum.

## Admissions

New York University’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

## Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 60 credits, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Writing</b>		
The following courses may be required based on a writing placement 8-10 assessment, and should be successfully completed within the first three semesters:		
EXWR1-UC 7501	Introduction to Creative and Expository Writing	
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	
<b>Critical Thinking</b>		
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>		
Students, in close consultation with their adviser, select Math I and Math II or one of the following other courses based on a math placement assessment:		4

MATH1-UC 1101 & MATH1-UC 1141	Math I and Math II	
MATH1-UC 1105	Mathematical Reasoning	
MATH1-UC 1171	Precalculus	
MATH1-UC 1174	Calculus W/Applications to Business & Economics	
<b>Scientific Issues</b>		
Select one of the following:		4
SCNC1-UC 2001	Human Biology	
SCNC1-UC 3203	Environmental Sustainability	
SCNC1-UC 3207	Stars, Planets, & Life	
SCNC1-UC 3215	Biology of Hunger & Population	
<b>Historical Perspectives</b>		
Select one of the following:		4
HIST1-UC 5804	Renaissance to Revolutn	
HIST1-UC 5820	The American Experience	
HIST1-UC 5821	Classical & Medieval World	
HIST1-UC 5822	Contemporary World	
<b>Global Perspectives</b>		
Select one of the following:		4
ANTH1-UC 5011	World Cultures: Africa	
ANTH1-UC 5012	World Cultures: Middle East	
ANTH1-UC 5013	World Cultures: Asia	
ANTH1-UC 5014	World Cultures: Latin America & The Caribbean	
<b>Literary and Artistic Expressions</b>		
Select one of the following:		4
ARTS1-UC 5438	History of Music	
ARTH1-UC 5443	Visual Expressions in Society	
LITR1-UC 6201	Contemporary Global Literature	
LITR1-UC 6209	Oral Traditions in Literature	
<b>Liberal Arts Requirements</b>		
<i>Humanities</i>		
Select a minimum of one course from the list below, by advisement:		4
CWRG1-UC 5240	Foundations of The Creative Process	
ARTH1-UC 5430	History of Art I: Earliest to Middle Ages	

ARTH1-UC 5431	History of Art II: Renaissance to Modern	
HUMN1-UC 6403	Foundations of Philosophical Thought	
LITR1-UC 6241	Introduction to Literature	
MEST1-UC 6033	The Language of Contemporary Images	
RELG1-UC 7003	Judaism, Christianity, & Islam	
RELG1-UC 7004	Hinduism, Buddhism, & Taoism	
<i>Social Sciences</i>		
Select a minimum of one course from the list below in consultation with advisor:		4
ECON1-UC 301	Intro to Macroeconomics	
ECON1-UC 302	Intro to Microeconomics	
BUSN1-UC 504	Business Organization & Management	
ORBC1-UC 1301	Organizational Behavior	
SOCS1-UC 2201	Oral Communications	
ANTH1-UC 5003	Cultural Anthropology	
MEST1-UC 6028	Understanding Media	
POLS1-UC 6602	Political Thought	
POLS1-UC 6604	American Politics	
POLS1-UC 6605	International Relations	
PSYC1-UC 6801	Intro to Psychology	
SOCY1-UC 7200	Intro to Sociology	
ECON1-UC 6607	The Global Economy	
ECON1-UC 6608	History of Economic Thought	

*Humanities and Social Sciences*

Select an additional 3 courses from the humanities and social sciences categories above, by advisement 12

**Free Electives**

Other Elective Credits (by advisement) 8

**Total Credits** 60

## Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
EXWR1-UC 7502	Writing Workshop I	4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Historical Perspectives		4
Literary and Artistic Expressions		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
EXWR1-UC 7503	Writing Workshop II	4

Scientific Issues	4	
Global Perspectives	4	
Foundation: Humanities/Social Sciences	4	
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
HUMN1-UC 6401	Critical Thinking	4
Foundation: Humanities/Social Sciences	4	
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
Foundation: Humanities/Social Sciences	4	
Free Elective	4	
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Demonstrate mastery of core concepts, key scholars, research methods, and critical approaches in selected social science disciplines.
2. Explain key theories, perspectives, and approaches to selected social science disciplines.
3. Demonstrate understanding of key concepts of cultural studies, media history, and the political economy of media.

## Policies

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### School of Professional Studies Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the School of Professional Studies academic policy page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/professional-studies/academic-policies/>).