

## **Liberal Arts – Social/Behavioral Science**

The Liberal Arts – Social/Behavioral Science degree program provides a structured and coherent path for students at Community College of Philadelphia who want broad exposure to social sciences in areas such as social work, sociology, urban studies, political science, geography, anthropology, economics, history, or related fields. This major is especially recommended for those who plan to transfer to baccalaureate programs in social work.

Students in the Liberal Arts – Social/Behavioral Science curriculum must complete required courses ENGL 101, ENGL 102, college-level math, CIS 103, the first in the Social Science pair, the first in the Humanities pair, and the Communication course within the first 24 credits so that they are free to choose the courses that best fit their long-term educational goals for the remainder of the program.

Students are expected to consult with an academic advisor or counselor upon entry to the program and in subsequent semesters. Transfer planning should begin early so that the student can make the most informed choices. The Liberal Arts – Social/Behavioral Science curriculum contains a number of electives and allows students and advisors to shape the selection of courses to meet individual goals. Students who follow the Liberal Arts – Social/Behavioral Science curriculum and plan to attend a specific four-year college after graduation should choose electives that duplicate as closely as possible those in the first two years of the program of that college.

**Note:** Many, but not all, transfer institutions require some knowledge of a foreign language (from one semester to two years of study at the college level or the equivalent). Students planning to transfer should be aware of foreign language requirements that may affect their acceptance into certain colleges and programs.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate critical analysis of arguments and evaluation of an argument's major assertions, its background assumptions and the evidence used to support its assertions.
- Communicate effectively through written and oral means including essays, research papers and classroom presentations.
- Identify principles of human behavior and social structures.
- Explain how the scientific method is used to study human behavior and social structures.

### **Program Entry Requirements:**

Students are typically required to take the College's placement tests at their time of entry. Students identified as needing developmental course work must satisfactorily complete the appropriate English and mathematics courses in the first 24 credits as a part of their degree program.

### **Program of Study and Graduation Requirements:**

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courses ENGL 101, ENGL 102, college-level math, CIS 103, the first in the Social Science pair, the first in the Humanities pair, and the Communication course within the first 24 credits. To qualify for the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree in Liberal Arts—Social/Behavioral Science, a student must complete a minimum of 61 credit hours as prescribed and attain a grade point average of 2.0 ("C" average).

## Liberal Arts – Social/Behavioral Science Course Sequence (proposed)

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites and Corequisites	Credits	Gen Ed Req.
<b>First Semester</b>			
<a href="#">ENGL 101</a> - English Composition I		3	ENGL 101
<a href="#">FNMT 118</a> - Intermediate Algebra (or <a href="#">MATH 123</a> or <a href="#">MATH 137</a> or higher)*	<a href="#">FNMT 017</a> or <a href="#">FNMT 118</a> (or higher) placement	3	Mathematics
<a href="#">CIS 103</a> - Applied Computer Technology**		3	Tech Comp
Social Science or Humanities Elective		3	
General Elective		3	
<b>Second Semester</b>			
<a href="#">ENGL 102</a> - The Research Paper	<a href="#">ENGL 101</a> with a grade of "C" or better	3	ENGL 102, Info Lit
Communication course ( <a href="#">ENGL 115</a> , <a href="#">ENGL 116</a> , <a href="#">ENGL 117</a> , or <a href="#">ENGL 118</a> )	For ENGL 115 and ENGL 117: <a href="#">ENGL 101</a> , which may be taken concurrently  For ENGL 116: <a href="#">ENGL 101</a> or <a href="#">ENGL 114</a>  For ENGL 118: No prerequisite	3	
1st in <a href="#">Social Science Pair</a>		3	Social Sciences
1st in <a href="#">Humanities Pair</a>		3	Humanities
1st Science course (at least one science must include a lab)		3/4	Natural Science
<b>Third Semester</b>			
2nd in <a href="#">Social Science Pair</a>		3	
2nd in <a href="#">Humanities Pair</a>		3	
2nd Science course (at least one science must include a lab)		3/4	
Social Science Elective		3	
Social Science Elective		3	
<b>Fourth Semester</b>			
<a href="#">The Arts</a>		3	
Social Science Elective		3	
Social Science Elective		3	

General Elective		3	
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**Minimum Credits Needed to Graduate: 61**

**General Education Requirements**

All General Education requirements are met through required courses (as indicated above) except for the **Interpretive Studies**, **Writing Intensive** and **Am/Global Diversity** requirements. Therefore, in order to graduate, students in this program must choose **one** course that is designated **Interpretive Studies**, **one** course that is designated **Writing Intensive**, and **one course that is designated American Diversity and one courses designated Global Diversity**. The same course may be used to fulfill more than one of these requirements.

View the [Liberal Arts Course Selection Guide](#) to see which courses fulfill Liberal Arts requirements.

\* Students planning to attend baccalaureate programs should choose math courses that transfer.

\*\* Students with computer skills may apply for credit by exam through the Computer Technologies Department.

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