

LIBERAL ARTS - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)*

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Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Arts and Humanities
- **Department:** Integrated Studies
- **Program Code:** LIBART.AA
- **Program Type:** Academic Transfer
- **Available Fully Online:** Yes
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements ¹		
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the Connecting with Ideas requirement:</i>		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 1 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 1 - Written Communication course</u>		3
<u>GEM 1 - Written Communication course</u>		3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 2 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>		2
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the GEM 3 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 4 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ²</u>		4
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course ³</u>		3-4
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 5 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course ³</u>		3
<i>Complete the following courses to fulfill the GEM 6 requirement:</i>		
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course ³</u>		3
<i>Complete the following course to fulfill the Global Perspectives requirement:</i>		
<u>Global Perspectives course</u>		3
Major Requirements		
CWI 290	Liberal Arts Capstone	1
Select 3 credits from the Liberal Arts Research and Writing course list below		3
Select 6 credits of 200-level elective credits		6
Select 13-14 additional elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60		13-14
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ Student must select an "E" designated course to fulfill one of their general education requirements.

² Must include a lab component.

³ Course must come from a different discipline.

*All requirements for this degree or certificate may be completed fully online.

Liberal Arts Research and Writing Courses

The following list notes the courses which will fulfill the Research and Writing requirement for an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from CWI. Students should choose **3 credits** of coursework from the following:

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
ANTH 220	Indigenous Peoples of North America	3
COMM 273	Media News Writing and Reporting	3
CRIJ 190	Writing for Criminal Justice	3
ENGL 201	Persuasive Writing	3
ENGL 202	Technical Communication	3
ENGL 211	Literary Analysis	3
EXHS 201	Cultural, Historical, and Philosophical Foundations of Physical Activity	3
HIST 190	Introduction to the Study of History	3
HIST 210	History Through Biography	3
HIST 220	Great Ideas in History	3
HIST 230	Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 239	United States Military History	3
HIST 240	Themes in Western History	3
POLS 230	Political Philosophy	3
POLS 240	American Constitutional Foundations	3
PSYC 190	Writing for the Social Sciences	3
PSYC 201	Child and Adolescent Development	3
SOC 230	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
SOC 270	Social Movements	3
SOC 280	Sociological Research	3

Plan of Study Guide

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Plans may be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters. Consult your Student Success Advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
<u>GEM 1 - Written Communication course</u>		3
<u>GEM 2 - Oral Communication course</u>		2
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
Total Semester Credit Hours		14

Spring

<u>GEM 1 - Written Communication course</u>		3
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> ¹		4
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>Global Perspectives course</u>		3
Elective	Select an elective course ^{2,3}	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> ⁴		3-4
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u> ⁴		3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u> ⁴		3

Liberal Arts Research and Writing course	Select one course from the list below ³	3
Elective	Select any 200-level elective course ²	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CWI 290	Liberal Arts Capstone ⁵	1
Elective	Select any 200-level elective course ²	3
Elective	Select 10-11 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60 ²	10-11
Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

Students must select an "E" designated (Ethical Reasoning) course to fulfill one of their General Education requirements.

¹ Must include a lab component.

² Select electives based on interest, career goals, transfer institution requirements, and background.

³ Liberal Arts majors are encouraged to select their Research and Writing course early because some of these courses have prerequisites. The needed prerequisites may be taken as GEM courses or as electives. Consult individual course descriptions for a listing of prerequisites to the Research and Writing courses.

⁴ Course must come from a different discipline.

⁵ In order to register for CWI 290, students must have completed or be currently enrolled in their chosen Research and Writing course (3 credits required). Additionally, it is strongly recommended that students register for this course during their final semester at CWI.

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Understand the methods of inquiry and research that will prepare them to navigate upper-division coursework.
- Write effectively in a variety of rhetorical contexts, paying attention to audience, voice, and style appropriate to an academic research setting.
- Demonstrate higher-order thinking skills including analysis, synthesis, and creativity.

- Reflect on their learning experiences and create a project that synthesizes and communicates what they have learned over the course of their program of study.
- Contemplate and communicate diverse perspectives from multiple disciplines within their field of study.