

Los Medanos College
LIBERAL ARTS: BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
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1. Statement of Program Goals and Objectives

The Liberal Arts: Behavioral Science and Social Science associate degree provides lower division preparation for many related baccalaureate majors. All courses in the program are specifically designed for transfer. Almost all of the Liberal Arts courses also meet IGETC and/or CSU-GE breadth requirements, which allows for students to earn the associate degree while meeting transfer requirements to California public universities, the destination of most LMC transfer students. Typically, private universities also accept these “packages” when admitting transfer students. The major also provides for a smooth transition to CSU’s popular pre-teaching Liberal Studies major, which requires broad preparation in the Liberal Arts.

2. Catalog Description

“The Liberal Arts major provides a rich educational experience through coursework in a broad range of academic disciplines. Liberal Arts provides excellent preparation for university transfer and/or a wide range of careers.

Students graduating with a Liberal Arts major are able to: read critically and communicate effectively as a writer and a speaker; understand the connections among academic disciplines and apply interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving; think creatively and critically; consider the ethical implications of knowledge; and possess a worldview informed by diverse social, multicultural and global perspectives.

Therefore, the broad based interdisciplinary nature of Liberal Arts provides a knowledge base and the communication and critical thinking skills necessary for many careers and occupations. The Liberal Arts major provides solid preparation for upper division work following transfer – more specifically, for university programs in teaching and pre-law and for careers such as business, government and communication. With proper course selection (see a counselor), LMC’s Liberal Arts major articulates with CSU’s popular upper division Liberal Studies major, which is the path to a teaching credential program. The Liberal Arts major incorporates many General Education requirements, so students typically need only to pass a few additional courses in order to complete the major.”

3. Program Student Learning Outcomes

- a. Read critically and communicate effectively as a write and speaker.
- b. Understand connections among disciplines and apply interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving.
- c. Think critically and creatively
- d. Consider the ethical implications inherent in knowledge, decision-making and action
- e. Possess a worldview informed by diverse social, multicultural and global perspectives.

4. Program Requirements

The college Curriculum Committee has determined that this 18-unit area of emphasis within the Liberal Arts prepares students for related majors at baccalaureate institutions. The degree is similar to the course patterns in the first two years at baccalaureate institutions for students pursuing Liberal Arts majors. Students who intend to transfer are advised to complete the CSU-GE breadth or IGETC pattern, which also meets LMC's general education graduation requirements for the associate degree.

Program Requirements: Select 18 units from:

Current Courses

Course Subject	Course Number	Course Title
ACS	010	Becoming a College Scholar-A First-Year Seminar
ADJUS	110	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
ANTHR	004	Introduction to Archaeology
ANTHR	005	General Anthropology
ANTHR	006	Cultural Anthropology
ANTHR	007	Culture Change and Globalization
ANTHR	008	Introduction to Anthropological Linguistics
BUS	109	Introduction to Business
BUS	294	Business Law
CHDEV	010	Child Growth and Development
CHDEV	020	Child, Family and Community
CHDEV	050	Teaching in a Diverse Society
COUNS	035	Theories and Application of Learning in College
COUNS	036	Career & Life Planning
COUNS	038	Managing Anxiety and Stress for College Success
ECON	005	Economic History of the United States
ECON	010	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON	011	Principles of Macroeconomics
EDUC	100	Introduction to Classroom Teaching
ETHN	045	Introduction to Black Studies
ETHN	101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies
ETHN	102	Critical Thinking in Ethnic Studies
ETHN	103	Racial and Ethnic Justice Movements
ETHN	110	Introduction to Native American/Indigenous Studies
ETHN	120	Immigrant Experiences in the U.S.
HIST	029	United States History Until 1865
HIST	030	United States History From 1865
HIST	031	California History
HIST	034	History of Western Civilization to the Renaissance
HIST	035	History of Western Civilization since the Renaissance
HIST	038	Contemporary U.S. History

HIST	039	World History to 1500
HIST	040	World History Since 1500
HIST	047	History of Native Americans
HIST	052	Mexican American History
HIST	061	History of African-Americans Since 1865
HIST	062	Global History of Slavery
HIST	065	History of African Civilizations to 1800
HIST	066	History of African Civilizations since 1800
KINES	100	Introduction to Kinesiology
KINES	200	Personal Health and Wellness
KINES	203	Drugs, Health and Society
KINES	210	Introduction to Public Health
PHIL	133	Philosophy of Political Theory and Thought
POLSC	010	Introduction to American Government: Institutions and Ideals
POLSC	033	Philosophy of Political Theory and Thought
POLSC	043	International Relations
POLSC	050	Introduction to Comparative Politics
PSYCH	010	Individual and Social Processes
PSYCH	011	General Psychology
PSYCH	014	The Psychology of Human Sexuality
PSYCH	017	Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology
SJS	110	Introduction to Social Justice Studies
SJS	135	Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies
SJS	136	Introduction to Gender Studies
SJS	150	Introduction to Race & Ethnicity
SOCIO	012	Introduction to Marriage and Family
SOCIO	015	Introduction to Sociology
SOCIO	016	Introduction to Social Problems
SOCIO	017	Introduction to Research Methods

LMC General Education CSU GE and IGETC Requirements, are provided as PDF documents.

Summary Table:

Major Total (AA Liberal Arts BehSci/Socsci):	18 units
GE Pattern: Local:	18-19 units
CSU GE:	39-44 units
IGETC:	37-42 units
Electives:	3-24 units
Double counted:	Up to 18 units
Total Units for AA Degree:	60 units