

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **LIBERAL ARTS, A.A. TO HISTORY, B.A., GENERAL CONCENTRATION**

If you seek a degree that enhances your communication skills and provides you with a broad range of knowledge and prepares you for successful transfer to a four-year institution, pursue a degree in liberal arts. Blue Ridge CTC's Liberal Arts program features a balanced and flexible curriculum with coursework in communication and life skills, critical thinking and social awareness. A liberal arts degree positions you for success in a variety of fields and communicates to employers that you are a knowledgeable individual capable of making informed decisions.

#### **Program Overview**

The Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts is ideal for students who seek a broad-based education, plan to continue their education at four-year institutions, or want to increase their opportunities for career advancement. The skills and competencies mastered in the liberal arts degree are applicable to a variety of baccalaureate degrees and careers. The Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts sets students on a path to gain the skills most valued by both institutions of higher education and employers. To be successful in the university setting and in the world of work, students/employees must be able to communicate clearly, work with others, think critically, and appreciate diversity. All these skills can be gained through the balanced, flexible coursework included in the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts Degree.

#### **A.A. Liberal Arts Mission/Program Goals:**

1. Assist students in gaining a better understanding of themselves and their relationships with others.
2. Encourage students to become and remain informed citizens.
3. Inspire students to become lifelong learners to keep pace with today's global economy.
4. Support students in their efforts to understand and embrace diversity in an ever-changing, complex world.
5. Provide the tools and experiences necessary to successfully transition into other educational institutions or into the workforce.

#### **A.A. Liberal Arts Learner Outcomes:**

1. Students will demonstrate the interpersonal and evaluative skills necessary to effectively participate in a group and both provide and receive constructive feedback.
2. Students will identify ways in which lifelong learning and aesthetic interests are important for living a balanced, enjoyable life.
3. Students will exhibit the academic and social skills necessary for successful transition to other colleges/universities or into the workforce.
4. Students will apply ethical principles in both written and oral communication.
5. Students will demonstrate an understanding of both the historical and political issues that have shaped our culturally diverse country and the importance of their roles as informed and participatory citizens.

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- 6. Students will demonstrate insight into appreciation of the arts and their place in today’s society.
- 7. Students will document an appreciation of the complex cultural texture of today’s world.

**Career Opportunities**

The breadth of skills mastered in the A.A. program will prepare students for success as they pursue a bachelor’s degree or seek employment in fields ranging from business to education.

BLUE RIDGE CTC COURSE			SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY EQUIVALENT		
CGEN 100	First Year Experience	3 credits	FYEX 101 ELEC 100	First-Year Experience Electives (not towards History B.A.)	1 credit 2 credits*
ENGL 101	Written English I	3 credits	ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3 credits
ENGL 102	Writing for the Arts and Humanities	3 credits	ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3 credits
CAHS 101	General Biological Science I	4 credits	BIOL 101	General Biological Science	4 credits
CAHS 102	General Biological Science II	4 credits	BIOL 102	General Biological Science	4 credits
MATH 101	Introduction to Mathematics	3 credits	MATH 101	Fundamentals of Mathematics	3 credits
HIST 101 <i>or</i> HIST 102	World History to 1500 <i>or</i> World History since 1500	3 credits	HIST 101 <i>or</i> HIST 102	History of Civilization: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds <i>or</i> History of Civilization: Change and Global Connections in the Early Modern World	3 credits
HIST 201	U.S. History to 1877	3 credits	HIST 201	History of the United States to 1865	3 credits
HIST 202	U.S. History since 1877	3 credits	HIST 202	History of the United States, 1865 to Present	3 credits
HIST 206	United States Women to 1869	3 credits	HIST 315	United States Women to 1869	3 credits
HIST 207	African American History to 1865	3 credits	HIST 351	African American History to 1865	3 credits
PSCI 101	American Federal Government	3 credits	PSCI 101	American Federal Government	3 credits
LANG 111	Spanish I	3 credits	SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I	3 credits
LANG 112	Spanish II	3 credits	SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II	3 credits
ECON 123 <i>or</i> ECON 205	Contemporary Economics <i>or</i> Principles of Macroeconomics	3 credits	ECON 123 <i>or</i> ECON 205	Contemporary Economics <i>or</i> Principles of Macroeconomics	3 credits

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GSPE 210	Fitness for Life	3 credits	GSPE 210	Fitness for Life	3 credits
Choose 2 from: ENGL 204, ENGL 208, <u>or</u> COMM 202	Survey of American Literature, Survey of World Literature I, <u>or</u> Fundamentals of Speech	6 credits	Choose 2 from: ENGL 204, ENGL 208, <u>or</u> COMM 202	Survey of American Literature, Survey of World Literature I, <u>or</u> Fundamentals of Speech	6 credits
PSYC 203 <u>or</u> SOC 203	Introduction to Psychology <u>or</u> General Sociology	3 credits	PSYC 101 <u>or</u> SOC 203	Introduction to Psychology <u>or</u> General Sociology	3 credits
ART 103 <u>or</u> MUSC 111	Introduction to the Visual Arts <u>or</u> Introduction to Music	3 credits	ART 103 <u>or</u> MUSC 111	Introduction to the Visual Arts <u>or</u> Introduction to Music	3 credits
		<b>62 credits</b>			<b>62 credits</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR LIBERAL ARTS A.A. DEGREE</b>		<b>60 credits</b>	*2 credits of electives, not included as part of the B.A. in History, General Concentration.		

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