

EXHIBIT A

LIBERAL ARTS, A.A. TO REGENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS

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 | |
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| Communication and Life Skills | | 12 credits | | |
| COMM 202 | Fundamentals of Speech | 3 | COMM 202 | Fundamentals of Speech |
| ENGL 101 | Written English | 3 | ENGL 101 | Writing and Rhetoric I |
| ENGL 102 | Writing for Arts and Humanities | 3 | ENGL 102 | Writing and Rhetoric II |
| ENGL 204 <i>or</i> ENGL 208 | Survey of American Literature <i>or</i> Survey of World Literature | 3 | ENGL 204 <i>or</i> ENGL 208 | Survey of American Literature <i>or</i> Survey of World Literature I |
| Social Awareness | | 15 credits | | |
| ART 103 <i>or</i> MUSC 111 | Introduction to Visual Arts <i>or</i> Introduction to Music | 3 | ART 103 <i>or</i> MUSC 111 | Introduction to Visual Arts <i>or</i> Introduction to Music |
| PSCI 100 <i>or</i> PSCI 101 <i>or</i> PSCI 102 | Introduction to Political Ideology <i>or</i> American Federal Government <i>or</i> State & Local Government | 3 | PSCI 100 <i>or</i> PSCI 101 <i>or</i> PSCI 300 | Politics and Government <i>or</i> American Federal Government <i>or</i> State and Local Government |
| HIST 101 | World History to 1500: Early Man Through the Renaissance | 3 | HIST 101 | History of Civilization: The Ancient and Medieval Worlds |
| HIST 102 | World History Since 1500: The Renaissance Through the Present | 3 | HIST 102 | History Of Civilization: Change And Global Connections In The Early Modern World |
| PSYC 203 <i>or</i> SOC 203 | Introduction to Psychology <i>or</i> General Sociology | 3 | PSYC 101 <i>or</i> SOC 203 | Introduction to Psychology <i>or</i> General Sociology |
| Critical and Analytical Thinking | | 11 credits | | |
| MATH 101 | Introduction to Mathematics | 3 | MATH 101 | Fundamentals Of Mathematics |
| CAHS 101 <i>and</i> CAHS 102 <i>or</i> | General Biological Science I <i>and</i> General Biological Science II <i>or</i> | 4 / 4 | BIOL 101 <i>and</i> BIOL 102 <i>or</i> | General Biological Science <i>and</i> General Biological Science <i>or</i> |

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| CAHS 103 <i>and</i> CAHS 104 <i>or</i> | General Physical Science <i>and</i> General Physical Science <i>or</i> | 4 / 4 | GSCI 103 <i>and</i> GSCI 104 <i>or</i> | General Physical Science <i>and</i> General Physical Science <i>or</i> |
| CAHS 120 <i>and</i> CAHS 121 <i>and</i> CAHS 122 <i>and</i> CAHS 123 <i>or</i> | Human Anatomy & Physiology I <i>and</i> Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab <i>and</i> Human Anatomy & Physiology II <i>and</i> Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab <i>or</i> | 3 1 3 1 | BIOL 225 <i>and</i> BIOL 227 <i>and</i> BIOL 226 <i>and</i> BIOL 228 <i>or</i> | Human Anatomy and Physiology <i>and</i> Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab <i>and</i> Human Anatomy and Physiology <i>and</i> Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab <i>or</i> |
| CAHS 127 <i>and</i> CAHS 128 | General, Organic & Biochemistry I <i>and</i> General, Organic & Biochemistry II | 4 / 4 | CHEM 120/120L <i>and</i> CHEM 122/122L | College Chemistry <i>and</i> College Chemistry |
| Free Electives | | 22 credits | | |
| Free electives may be comprised of <u>any credited</u> courses from the Blue Ridge CTC college catalog. *Blue Ridge CTC students wishing to transfer to SU must work closely with an academic advisor to <u>select free electives from the Transfer Equivalency System (TES)</u> that meet the remaining 22 credits of general education required for the Liberal Arts, A.A. degree. | | | *Each course can be used to fulfill only one requirement. * Courses listed fulfill the core requirements for the Regents Bachelor of Arts. Students pursuing other majors should work with their academic advisors to determine the appropriate course selections based on their intended major toward the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. | |
| TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR LIBERAL ARTS A.A. DEGREE | | 60 | | |

Approved:

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