

## LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES REQUIREMENTS

New York State guidelines mandate a minimum number of credits in the liberal arts and sciences for each specific undergraduate degree.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, these credits should not be directed toward specific occupational or professional objectives.

| Degree                                       | Minimum Number of Credits in Liberal Arts |
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| Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degree              | 45  |
| Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree | 20  |
| Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree               | 90  |
| Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree            | 60  |

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## WHAT COMPRISES THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES?

The liberal arts and sciences include the disciplines of the humanities, natural sciences, mathematics, and social sciences. The following areas should be included:

### HUMANITIES

English: Composition, creative writing, history of language, journalism, linguistics, literature, literature in translation, playwriting

Fine Arts: Art appreciation, history or theory

Foreign Languages: Composition, conversation, grammar, history of the language, literature of the language, reading, translation studies

Music: Music appreciation, history or theory

Philosophy: Comparative philosophy, history of philosophy, logic, schools of philosophy

Religion: Comparative religion, history of religion

Theater: Dramatic interpretation, dramatic literature, dramaturgy, history of drama, playwriting

### NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Natural Sciences: Anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, earth science, geology, physics, zoology

Mathematics: Calculus, mathematical theory, statistics

Computer Science: Broad survey/theory courses

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology

Criminal Justice: Introductory and broad survey courses

Communications: Interpersonal communication, mass communication, public speaking, speech and rhetoric

<sup>1</sup><https://www.nysed.gov/college-university-evaluation/departments-expectations-curriculum>