Studies in the humanities provide a foundation of liberal learning and essential understanding of the world and its people. ECC's Humanities programs emphasize critical thinking, judgment and historical perspective, and an appreciation of the rich diversity of human and cultural expression.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE - HUMANITIES
AND SOCIAL SCIENCE/
HUMANITIES INTEREST

Degree: Associate in Arts
HEGIS Code: 5649
Curriculum Code: 1120
Campus Location: City, North, South, Distance
Liberal Arts Division
Pre-Admission Recommendations: HS or HSE (High School Equivalency) Diploma
Career Opportunities/Further Education: Transfer to Bachelor's Degree Program in Fine Arts, Philosophy, Music, etc.

Program Description
The Liberal Arts curriculum has a dual purpose. The courses provide students subject matter enabling them to transfer to a four-year college or university, but the curriculum is also designed to provide general education for those who desire it.

Requirements are listed on the following pages for programs granting Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees. The Associate in Arts requirements are designed to give students a balanced distribution of courses in English, humanities and social sciences. The Associate in Science requirements are designed to give a student a balance between mathematics and laboratory sciences. These programs have been formulated to ensure a maximum level of acceptance for the transfer student regardless of the program for which he/she applies at a four-year institution.

Students interested in a flexible exploratory course of study and the option of a self-structured curriculum may pursue Liberal Arts-General Studies. This program offers the student a course of study leading to an Associate in Science degree and an opportunity to experience courses in other curricula.
**SUNY General Education Student Learning Outcomes**

The SUNY General Education knowledge and skills areas and the two competencies now function as the basis for the Liberal Arts Program outcomes. These General Education Requirements are detailed in the Academic Information section of this catalog. Students are strongly encouraged to fulfill the SUNY General Education Requirement prior to degree completion in order to facilitate seamless transfer to a four-year program.

**Program Description**

The Humanities degree prepares students for transfer to a baccalaureate degree program after completion of their associate degree at Erie Community College. The Humanities degree is broad enough to transfer as the core foundation for a variety of baccalaureate degrees in liberal arts, education and pre-professional programs. However, most students selecting the Humanities degree have one or more of the following interests: pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Art, Dance, Drama, English, French, Humanities, Music, Philosophy, Sign Language, Spanish or combination of these areas; pursuing a four-year degree in teacher certification at the elementary school level or in secondary English; and pursuing other professional careers related to these fields.

Completion of the degree qualifies the student for the SUNY Transfer Guarantee, guaranteeing access to a four-year program at a SUNY institution. The program is also in compliance with SUNY Seamless Transfer requirements and its focus on core skills aims to prepare students for success at the next educational level and for lifelong learning.

Students can craft part-time, accelerated, and online versions of the program with the help of an academic advisor.

**Program Competencies**

Upon graduating with an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts - Humanities, the student will be able to:

- fulfill SUNY General Education Learning Outcomes in seven of ten areas;
- demonstrate basic literacy in educational technologies;
- conduct research using a variety of sources, strategies, and approaches;
- achieve the highest level of competency in each of the six ECC Learning Outcomes;
- demonstrate competency in one or more areas of the humanities (Art, Dance, Drama, English, French, Music, Philosophy, Sign Language, Spanish).

**SUNY Transfer Path Requirement**

Students matriculating in this program are required to fulfill the SUNY Transfer Path Requirement that most closely aligns with the program. Speak to your advisor for details.

---

**REQUIRED COURSES**

**Total Degree Credits: 60.0**

**Courses**

- Students must fulfill the SUNY General Education Requirement as a condition for graduation. Note 1
- EN 110 - College Composition (3 cr)
- EN 111 - Composition and Interpretation of Literature (3 cr)
- 8 Humanities Courses (2 cr)\* Note 2
- SUNY General Education Knowledge Area: Mathematics (3 cr)
- SUNY General Education Knowledge Area: Natural Sciences (3 cr)
- SUNY General Education Knowledge Area: Social Sciences (3 cr)
- SUNY General Education Knowledge Area: Choose one course from one of these three areas - American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilization (3 cr)
- 1 Liberal Arts Elective (3 cr)
- 5 Open Elective Courses (1 cr)\* Note 3
- The student must fulfill the requirements of at least one SUNY Transfer Path by completing the required courses. The advantage of fulfilling a SUNY Transfer Path is a guarantee of transfer into a SUNY four-year school. Students who are not interested in any of the existing transfer paths should consult an advisor in order to customize their degree path.

**Notes:**

1. The SUNY General Education Requirement is 30 credits in at least seven of the ten SUNY General Education categories.
   - The following four categories must be fulfilled: Basic Communication, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.
   - Two of the following must be fulfilled: Humanities, Art, or Foreign Language.
   - At least one of the following must be fulfilled: American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilization.

2. The following disciplines and courses qualify as Humanities courses:
   - Art - All Courses
   - Dance - All Courses
   - Drama/Theater - All Courses
   - French - All Courses
   - Honors - HP 200 - Honors Capstone
   - Music - All Courses
   - Philosophy - All Courses
   - Sign Language - All Courses
   - Spanish - All Courses

3. Any courses in the course catalog. The student is encouraged to use these electives to fulfill the SUNY Transfer Path requirement. SUNY Transfer Paths can be reviewed here: www.suny.edu/attend/get-started/transfer-students/suny-transfer-paths/suny-transfer-paths-all.