

**Liberal Studies (A1010U)**  
**Associate in Arts Pre-Major**

*Under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, this template has been developed by university and community college faculty as a blueprint for guiding community colleges in developing programs for students who intend to major in Liberal Studies. Students who successfully complete this course of study and who meet the requirements for admission to the university are eligible to apply for admission to the major with junior standing.*

*All colleges will not offer all pre-major programs, and course selections may vary. Check college catalogs for course and program offerings.*

**General Education Core (44 SHC)\*** Forty-four semester hours of credit in general education core courses are required as outlined on the NCCCS Curriculum Standards for Associate in Arts degree programs. The general education core includes study in the areas of humanities and fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, and English composition.

**English Composition (6 SHC)** *Two English composition courses are required.*

- English 111, Expository Writing, is required as the first composition course.
  
- The second composition course must be selected from the following:  
    ENG 112      Argument-Based Research (3 SHC)  
    ENG 113      Literature-Based Research (3 SHC)

**Humanities/Fine Arts (12 SHC\*\*)** *Four courses from three discipline areas are required.*

- The following course is required (3 SHC):  
    COM 231      Public Speaking (3 SHC)
  
- One course must be a literature course.
  
- Two additional courses from the following discipline areas are required: art, dance, drama, foreign languages, interdisciplinary humanities, literature, music, philosophy, and religion.

**Social/Behavioral Sciences (12 SHC)** *Four courses from three discipline areas are required.*

- One course must be a history course.
  
- Three courses from the following discipline areas are required: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology.

**Natural Sciences/Mathematics (14 SHC)**

*Natural Sciences (8 SHC):*

- Two courses from the biological and physical science disciplines, including accompanying laboratory work, are required.

*Mathematics (6 SHC):*

- Two courses are required. Computer science may not be used for the math requirement.

***A college may award a diploma under the A1010U for completion of the entire general education core, as outlined, with a grade of "C" or better in each course.***

**Other Required Hours (20-21 SHC)\*** One semester hour of credit may be included in a sixty-five semester hour credit associate in arts program. The transfer of the 65<sup>th</sup> hour is not guaranteed.

- One of the following courses is required (3 SHC):
  - CIS 110 Introduction to Computers (3 SHC)
  - CIS 115 Intro to Programming and Logic (3 SHC)
- 17 additional hours of approved college transfer courses are required.

The following disciplines and distribution are recommended if courses from these disciplines have not been obtained as part of the general education core:

Foreign Language	(6 SHC)
Philosophy	(3 SHC)
Music	(3 SHC)

**Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC) in Program: 64-65**

- \* **Students must meet the receiving university's foreign language and/or health and physical education requirements, if applicable, prior to or after transfer to the senior institution.**
- \*\* **3 SHC in Speech/Communication may be substituted for 3 SHC in Humanities/Fine Arts. Speech/Communication may not substitute for the literature requirement.**

#### ***Application to a University***

*Admission application deadlines vary; students must meet the deadline for the senior institution to which they plan to transfer. Upon successful completion of the associate degree, students who meet the requirements outlined in this pre-major articulation agreement will be eligible to be considered for admission as juniors to the signatory institutions offering the baccalaureate degree as listed at [www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/planning/traditional.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/aa/planning/traditional.htm) or in the NC Independent Colleges and Universities Handbook which is available online at [www.ncicu.org/publications](http://www.ncicu.org/publications). Students are encouraged to contact the senior institution to confirm degree offerings.*

#### ***Admission to the Major***

*Grade point average requirements vary, and admission is competitive across the several programs in Liberal Studies.*