

# LIBERAL STUDIES (A.A.) +

CCV's associate of arts degree in Liberal Studies will introduce you to a wide range of subjects, providing a foundation for many different careers and for transferring to a four-year college or university. The Liberal Studies program is the most popular program of study among CCV graduates, accounting for nearly half of the degrees awarded each year. It is designed to include breadth and depth of learning, emphasizing exposure to a broad range of subjects and academic disciplines, and providing students with great flexibility in individual course selection. Although the degree can be an end in itself, the majority of Liberal Studies graduates use it as their foundation for further academic pursuits. If you are uncertain about your long-term educational and career plans, the Liberal Studies program provides a valuable opportunity to explore your interests. The overarching objective of CCV's Liberal Studies program is to produce graduates who are well-prepared to be active, contributing participants in their communities, their work settings, and their subsequent educational activities.

CCV's Liberal Studies degree gives you the freedom to create a program that meets your educational and career goals. Choose courses from the following competency areas. Courses are listed in the order in which we recommend you take them.

**General Education**  
Complete at least one course in each of the following:

☐ First Semester Seminar  
INT 1050 - Dimensions of Self & Society

☐ Introductory Written Expression – VSCS  
ENG 1061 - English Composition

☐ Digital and Computing Literacy – VSCS  
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☐ Mathematics - VSCS  
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☐ Natural Science - VSCS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Social Science - VSCS  
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☐ Arts & Aesthetics - VSCS  
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☐ Humanistic Perspectives - VSCS  
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☐ Communication  
Meets graduation standard in oral communication  
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☐ Research & Writing Intensive  
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☐ HUM 2010 - Seminar in Educational Inquiry  
Meets graduation standard in writing and information literacy

**Required Additional General Education Courses**  
Complete **two** courses from any of the following general education categories:

Natural Science

Social Science

Arts & Aesthetics

Humanistic Perspectives

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Note that students may choose to take both courses from the same category or may choose to take two courses in different categories.

**Liberal Studies Courses - minimum 18 credits**  
Complete 18 credits of any college-level courses that meet your educational and career goals:

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Electives: 0 - 3 credits

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Note(s):  
\*No more than one foreign language course may be applied to meet the Human Expression requirement.

Minimum Total Credits in Degree: 60

*\*You may use a course to meet both a program requirement and a general education requirement; however, you may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.*

*+ This program can be completed fully online.*

## **Program Outcomes**

### **Graduates of the Liberal Studies program will be able to:**

- develop written work with a clear thesis, organize supporting arguments, and employ correct syntax, mechanics, and disciplinary conventions;
- prepare, organize, support, and orally present ideas that engage an audience and employ appropriate tone, language, and delivery style;
- use quantitative models, methods, and tools to evaluate information, draw conclusions, and provide supporting evidence for applications across a variety of disciplines;
- identify the information needed to approach a problem analytically; discover and evaluate academic resources using appropriate search strategies and technologies to locate, manage, and represent information digitally; and responsibly incorporate, represent, and cite source materials in written work;
- draw on experiences and learning in multiple disciplines to articulate how the students' course choices have influenced their perspectives and understanding of themselves and the world;
- demonstrate academic skills required of all CCV graduates in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning; and
- explore pathways and demonstrate preparedness for educational and career development in the student's field of study.

### **The Liberal Studies program is great for you if:**

- you are curious about the world and have a love of learning;
- you want to acquire a solid foundation in general education;
- you are interested in exploring a range of subjects and choose not to specialize at the associate degree level;
- you understand the value of interdisciplinary learning and academic breadth in your education;
- you wish to use previous transfer or APL credits most efficiently to complete an associate degree;
- you plan to transfer to a four year institution, perhaps in a discipline not represented at CCV; and
- you are preparing for a career that demands diverse knowledge and widely transferable skills.

### **Key information and advice for students in the Liberal Studies program:**

- The associate of arts degree in Liberal Studies is CCV's most popular degree program.
- Students in Liberal Studies can choose from a broad range of courses to fulfill their program requirements according to their particular schedules, interests, and ambitions.
- Courses are widely accessible and the program can be completed with a minimum of travelling.
- The Liberal Studies degree allows students to gain additional competency in areas cited by employers as being particularly desirable, such as writing, communication skills, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving, diversity, global competence, and foreign language.
- In an economy where most individuals will change jobs many times during their working lives, Liberal Studies provides a comprehensive and versatile foundation for many careers.
- The associate of arts degree in Liberal Studies can accommodate a rich blend of liberal arts, general education, and professionally focused courses that will allow students to further their education in a four-year program or enter the workforce at an entry level.
- The Vermont State Colleges System's (VSCS) Direct Admissions program gives CCV students guaranteed transfer admission to all VSCS schools, saving them time and money. Visit [ccv.edu/transfer](http://ccv.edu/transfer) for more information.
- CCV graduates in Liberal Studies have gone into such fields as advocacy, business, education, health, law, management, social work, and many others.

### **The Liberal Studies program prepares you for careers such as:**

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| • Administrative Assistant | • Human Resources Manager |
| • Bank Teller              | • Paraprofessional        |
| • Bookseller               | • Resource Developer      |
|                            | • Sales Associate         |

For up-to-date Vermont labor market information, including salary information and growth projections, view the Economic and Labor Market Information on the Vermont Department of Labor Website <http://www.vtlmi.info/>.