

Associate of Arts (A. A.) in Humanities

The program of study leading to the Associate of Arts Degree in Humanities is designed to prepare students for leadership in the church and the world by way of studies in the classical liberal arts, all interpreted through and integrated into a world and life view formed by Biblical truth.

The A. A. in Humanities constitutes the College's core curriculum. It is a prerequisite for all entering freshman students regardless of their B.A. program.

Program Objectives

The purpose of the A. A. in Humanities is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Understand and critically engage the Western tradition from ancient to modern times in terms of its major ideas, images, stories, political movements, and artistic achievements.
2. Trace the unfolding of God's redemptive plan throughout history.
3. Employ in their own lives a strong grasp of classical Christian theology and worldview.
4. Form their minds, bodies, and tastes to love what is true, good, and beautiful in music, art, and athletics.
5. Discern the broader picture in different contexts of life in order to shape a goal-driven vision.

Program Requirements (62 Credits)

Fall Freshman Year:

1. Mathematical Thought for Liberal Arts or College Algebra* (MAT 100/102)
2. Classical Rhetoric I (ENG 111) *
3. History I: Ancient World (HIS 111)
4. Ancient Literature (HUM/ENG 121)
5. Old Testament Story (CHR 111)

Spring Freshman Year:

6. Leadership Foundations I (LDR 101)
7. Classical Rhetoric II (ENG 112) *
8. History II: Medieval World to Renaissance (HIS 112)
9. Medieval Literature ENG/HUM 122)
10. New Testament Story (CHR 112)

Fall Sophomore Year:

11. Introduction to Philosophy (PHL 101)
12. History III: American Experience I (HIS 211)
13. Renaissance and Baroque English Literature (ENG/HUM 221)
14. Life Science w/Lab (SCI 112)
15. Greek I, Latin I, or other Language (GRK 111/LAT 111/Other)

Spring Sophomore Year:

16. Statistics (MAT 208)
17. History IV: American Experience II (HIS 212)
18. The Novel (ENG/HUM 222)
19. Physical Science w/Lab (SCI 111)
20. Greek II, Latin II, or other Language (GRK 112/LAT 112/Other) *

* Students desiring to transfer to any South Dakota state university will also need to take College Composition I and II (ENG 101 and 201) and Oral Communications (COM 101). Students will also need to take College Algebra (MAT 102) instead of Mathematical Thought for Liberal Arts (MAT 100). Students desiring to transfer will graduate with 71 credit hours in an A.A. in Humanities.