

Liberal Studies (Online)

Associate of Arts Degree

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THE PROGRAM

East Central College offers an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies available online for students who are uncertain in their plans for study at a transfer, baccalaureate institution. The AA in Liberal Studies is a degree comprised of the institutional general education requirements and electives, to meet a minimum of 60 credit hours.

Students are encouraged to seek guidance from a transfer institution regarding best options for coursework at any particular transfer institution or for any program.

FOR ONLINE STUDENTS

Students can complete the requirements for an AA degree entirely online or elect to blend traditional coursework in the face-to-face format with web online or web hybrid courses. Students considering the online option should note that the different format requires a strong sense of self-motivation to complete tasks such as assignments, quizzes, and class discussions in a timely manner. Much like the due dates in a traditional class, online classes normally have "open and close" dates for activities, which require completion within a given time period for a student to be successful. If you are a self-starter and able to manage your time effectively, then online coursework may be a good option for you.

In addition to any specific prerequisites for a particular course, all students must be English Comp I ready in order to enroll in a web online or web hybrid course. This means students must have one of the following:

- ✓ Tested into English Composition I
- ✓ ACT (English) 18 or greater
- √ 80 or better on Accuplacer Sentence Skills
- √ Challenge writing sample score of 4 or better)
- ✓ Successful completion of EN 0133 (C or better)

Students must also have:

- ✓ Met the college reading readiness score of 18 or better ACT
- √ 80 or better on Accuplacer Reading
- √ Challenge Nelson Denny score of 6 or higher)
- ✓ Successful completion of EN 0203 (C or better).

For more information please visit our Online Learning page, located under the Academics tab on the ECC homepage: http://www.eastcentral.edu/online-learning/

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

East Central College requires each transfer student complete a 42 hour general education block. General education at ECC is organized around the institution's common learning objectives and coursework. A student is required to demonstrate skills in each of the following three areas:

- Communicating (COM): Improve written and oral communication skills; adapt and apply communication to academic and professional purposes, audiences and contexts; demonstrate the use of technology to analyze and communicate information; and use active listening and reading skills.
- Creative/Critical Thinking (CCT): Improve the application of relevant knowledge and theory to new ideas, positions or solutions; assess and analyze concepts and data; formulate meaningful questions; and interpret and evaluate evidence and arguments.
- Ethics and Social Responsibility (ESR): Develop cross cultural awareness and an understanding of global interconnectedness; apply multiple worldviews, analyze ethical choices and consequences; and understand the core values and accountability of citizenship in a democratic society.

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credits by four-year colleges and/or universities. Please note that transferring credit is decided by the bachelor degree granting institution. Students seeking to transfer are advised to contact the four-year institutions regarding the transferability of the credits and coursework offered through East Central College.

Additional Information

Also, please note that all web online classes require at least one proctored assessment in a secure testing center.

Online students need to possess, or be willing to develop, certain technical computer skills as well, such as managing files and folders, performing common tasks such as copying/pasting, saving/deleting files, using a word processing program such as Microsoft Word, sending and checking email and navigating the Internet using a web browser or search engine to perform research and other tasks.











LIBERAL STUDIES (ONLINE)

Associate of Arts Degree

PROGRAM OF STUDY

(60 credit hours)

Coursework listed on this degree program is all available in an online format. Additional online offerings are added regularly; please see the current semester schedule for online offerings. Students may also elect coursework offered in the traditional format as they consider options.

Students should note that for the purpose of identity verification of online students, all web online classes require at least one proctored assessment in one of the ECC testing centers or at an approved secure testing center at another location. ECC uses Moodle as the learning management system for delivery of its online program. For more information on the use of Moodle and student readiness to study online, please go to: https://eastcentral.moodle.more.net.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

Course		Hours
FS 1000/ FS 1001	Campus Orientation/ Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 EN 1233	English Comp I or Honors English Comp I (COM)	3
CT 1003 CT 1103	Oral Communications or Public Speaking (COM)	3
MT 1403	College Algebra (CCT)	3
	Transfer Elective	3
	Total Hours	13

SPRING SEMESTER

Course		Hours
EN 1333/ EN 1343	English Comp II or Honors English Comp II (COM)	3
BI 1203	Intro to Life Science (CCT)	3
	Elective (ESR)	3
	Elective (COM)	3
	Elective (ESR-GC)	3
	Total Hours	15

SUMMER SEMESTER

Course		Hours
HI 1000/ PS 1000	Constitutions Study Module	0
	History or Government Requirement (CCT)	3
	Total Hours	3

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

Course		Hours
SC 1000	Laboratory Safety for Students	0
GL 1103/ GL 1112	Intro to Geology Lecture/Lab (CCT)	5
	Elective (CCT)	3
	Elective (ESR-EV)	3
	Elective (ESR)	3
	Transfer Elective*	3
	Total Hours	17

SPRING SEMESTER

CC 1002

Course	Hours
Transfer Elective*	3
Transfer Elective*	3
Transfer Elective*	3
Elective (ESR)	3
Total Hours	12

*Students should refer to the web option listing for current available courses; see list for online options.

C2 1003	EN 1403	ES 1023	b2 1000
CS 1013	EN 1803	GL 1103	PS 1001
CT 1003	EN 2033	GL 1112	PS 1203
CV 2023	EN 1413	HI 1000	PY 1103
CV 2603	EN 1423	HI 1001	PY 2103
CV 2613	EN 1603	HI 1103	PY 2403
CV 2623	EN 1703	HI 1203	PY 2503
EC 2203	EN 2213	MT 0204	SO 1103
EN 1223	EN 2503	MT 1403	SO 2203
EN 1333	EN 1903	MU 1603	

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