

Humanities and Social Sciences (LAH)

This curriculum is designed for the student who intends to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a baccalaureate degree. The program provides a broad, balanced exposure to the liberal arts by incorporating courses in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics and sciences. A global perspective requirement further broadens the exposure. By appropriate selection of courses, a student may build a suitable background for further study in a variety of majors such as literature, journalism, history, political science, economics, dance, foreign language, music, philosophy, psychology, sociology, speech and theater or for a variety of career goals, such as social work, law, government service, or teaching, writing or editing.

Dutchess Community College transfers students to a variety of four-year, public and private colleges and universities. Both formal and informal transfer agreements exist. Students are urged to consult their advisors, the faculty and the Counseling and Career Services staff about transfer opportunities early in their career at Dutchess.

Students with strong academic backgrounds who are seeking a special challenge may select a sequence of honors-level courses to fulfill, in part, the A.A. degree requirements. Honors-level courses are open to qualified students only. Interested students should contact the Registrar's Office for further information and advisement.

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is awarded upon completion of the requirements for this program.

Students who successfully complete the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences – Humanities and Social Sciences (LAH) will be able to:

- Formulate or evaluate arguments, problems or opinions and arrive at a solution, position or hypothesis based on carefully considered evidence.
- Produce writing that is well-organized, well developed and clear.
- Demonstrate the ability to use technology and software applications to produce an output or perform analyses appropriate to their academic program/discipline.
- Work with graphical, numerical or symbolic models to solve problems and interpret results.
- Apply the scientific method, develop hypotheses, analyze results and draw conclusions.
- Demonstrate oral communication skills in a clear and organized manner using appropriate verbal and nonverbal communication techniques with regard to subject, purpose and audience.

Courses should be selected in consultation with an advisor.

NOTE: The letters in parentheses correspond to important footnotes listed below the program outline. Please read these footnotes carefully.

First Semester

Course No.	Descriptive Title	Credit Hours
ENG 101	Composition I	3
American History (Appendix D)	3	
WFE 101	Lifetime Wellness and Fitness	3
Humanities (a)	Appendix H or I	3

Science	Appendix B	4
LAH 100	Liberal Arts Humanities Intro. Seminar	1
TOTAL		17

Second Semester

Course No.	Descriptive Title	Credit Hours
BHS 103	Social Problems in Today's World	3
ENG 102	Composition II	3
Humanities (a)		3
Math (b)		3
Science	Appendix B	4
TOTAL		16

Third and Fourth Semesters

Course No.	Descriptive Title	Credit Hours
English courses (c)		6
Other World Civilizations course (Appendix F)	3	
Humanities (a)	3	
Social Science courses (f)	9	
Electives (e)	(6-7 credits)	
Free Elective (f)	(3-4 credits)	10
TOTAL		31
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	64

a. Humanities Courses: Students must select at least one course from General Education Appendices H or I. Students may not use ENG 102 to satisfy the Humanities requirement. After selecting one course from Appendix H or I, students may choose additional courses in Art, Dance, French, German, Humanities, Italian, Music, Philosophy, Spanish, Speech, and Theater. Students must choose at least two fields. Foreign language is recommended.

b. Mathematics courses: Students must meet the math course prerequisites. Students planning to meet the SUNY General Education Requirements for transfer to SUNY institutions should select a course from Appendix A. MAT 109 satisfies the mathematics requirement of the Associate in Arts degree program in Humanities and Social Science.

c. English courses: Any 200-level courses.

d. Social Science courses: Students must select courses from the fields of Anthropology, Behavioral Sciences, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Psychology, or Sociology. Students must choose courses from at least two fields. BHS 103 may not be used to satisfy the Social Science requirement.

e. Elective courses: Elective courses applicable in this program are (a) from content areas listed on this page OR (b) courses listed on the courses applicable in all programs page. Courses in the General Education Appendices D, E, F, and H are recommended.

f. Read a full discussion of the free elective.