

# Liberal Arts Degrees

## INTERDISCIPLINARY DEGREE PROGRAMS

The following is a list of interdisciplinary degrees at College of Marin that require a minimum of 18 degree-applicable units to which, in addition to other graduation requirements, only the Associate in Arts (AA) degree is granted.

### Liberal Arts Degree

The Associate degree in Liberal Arts is designed for students who wish to have a broad, general education, plus additional coursework in one of three "Areas of Emphasis." This degree would be an ideal choice for students planning on transferring to the CSU or UC campus, as students can satisfy both general education and lower division major requirements at these institutions. Please consult with a counselor for information regarding your intended major at the specific college or university of your choice. Students may also refer to ASSIST.org to get detailed requirements for specific colleges and universities.

To meet the requirements for the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, a student must complete:

1. One of the following General Education patterns:
  - a. College of Marin General Education Requirements (Minimum of 20 units), or
  - b. CSU General Education Requirements (CSU GE Pattern) (Maximum of 39 units), or
  - c. Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern (UC or CSU transfer 30-39 units).

For students using the College of Marin General Education Requirements, please note that NO General Education units may be used to meet the Area of Emphasis requirements. Students using College of Marin's General Education Requirements may not yet be prepared to transfer. Students should work with a counselor to complete these requirements. For students using the CSU GE or IGETC options, please note that no more than 12 of the units used to meet the general education requirements may be double-counted as part of the Area of Emphasis. Students should work with a counselor to complete these requirements.

**Important: For students using the CSU GE or IGETC options, students must meet the following College of Marin Graduation Requirements:**

- Math proficiency
- Grade point average
- Total units
- Residency
- Cross-cultural studies

**These students are exempt from completing the following College of Marin General Education requirements:**

- Physical Activity
- American Institutions

2. A minimum of 18 units from one of the following Emphasis areas with a grade of C or higher, Pass or Credit.
  - a. Language and Communication
  - b. Natural Science
  - c. Social Science and Behavioral Sciences

### Emphasis in Language and Communication

(Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Language and Communication)

These courses emphasize both the content and form of communication, while providing an understanding of the psychological basis and social significance of communication including the use of modern languages. Students will be able to assess communication as the process of human symbolic interaction. This degree can be a good preparation for students transferring to a four-year university with a major in World Languages and Cultures,

Communication, and English, among others. Students who complete the requirements listed below, plus additional general education and graduation requirements, will be awarded the associate degree. All students should consult a counselor.

Students must successfully complete 18 units of study across 3 disciplines listed below:

American Sign Language 101, 102, 203, 204

Business 144

Chinese 101, 102

Communication 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 110, 160

English 202, 203

Film 109AB\*

French 101, 102, 108A, 203, 204, 225, 226

Humanities 109AB\*

Italian 101, 102, 108A, 203, 204, 225, 226

Japanese 101, 102, 203, 204

Spanish 101, 102, 203, 204, 225, 226, 230ABC

Note:

*\*Credit is awarded for only one course in each of the following groups:*

*Film 109A or Humanities 109A*

*Film 109B or Humanities 109B*

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

- Utilize different oral competency techniques to manage or minimize communication apprehension in a variety of contexts.
- Demonstrate critical thinking and understand that effective communicators adapt messages by evaluating language, culture, relationship, and context.
- Effectively and critically understand and communicate in writing, orally, and/or verbally using traditional and/or modern information resources and supporting technology.

### **Emphasis in Natural Science**

(Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Natural Science)

These courses emphasize the study of mathematical and quantitative reasoning skills; they impart knowledge of the facts and principles that form the foundation of living and non-living systems. Students recognize and appreciate the methodologies of science as investigative tools, as well as the limitations of scientific endeavors. This degree can be a good preparation for students who have a general interest in science but are majoring in areas other than science. This degree may not adequately prepare a student transferring in a science major. Students intending to transfer to a four-year university with a science major in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geography, Geology, Physics, or Pre Med., among others, should select course work in conjunction with a counselor.

Students must successfully complete 18 units of study across 3 disciplines listed below:

Anthropology 101, 101L

Astronomy 101, 117L

Biology 100, 107\*, 110, 110L, 120, 138\*, 142, 147, 160, 162, 171, 224, 235, 240

Chemistry 105, 110, 114, 115, 131, 132, 231, 232

Environmental Science 138\*

Geography 101, 101L, 112, 125

Geology 103, 109, 114, 115, 116, 120, 120L, 121, 125, 126, 142, 145, 201, 250

Kinesiology 107\* Math 105, 109, 115\*, 121, 122, 123, 124, 223, 224

Physics 108A, 108B, 110, 207A, 207B, 207C

Statistics 115\*

Note:

*\*Credit is awarded for only one course in each of the following groups:*

*Biology 107 or Kinesiology 107*

**Program Learning Outcomes**

- Apply mathematical and quantitative reasoning skills to questions in the natural sciences, including the fields of biology, geology, geography, astronomy, physics and/or anthropology.
- Demonstrate basic understanding of the facts and principles that form the foundation of living and non-living systems.
- Predict likely changes to local communities and ecosystems under different conditions.

**Emphasis in Social Science and Behavioral Sciences**

(Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts: Emphasis in Social Science and Behavioral Sciences)

These courses emphasize a multidisciplinary approach to the understanding and study of human behavior. Students will explore and examine the nature and multitude of interactive relationships amongst and between individuals and their social environment, ranging from the development of the individual, to the nuances of interpersonal interaction, to the dynamic structures of national and global communities. Students will gain a heightened awareness of the nature of their individuality, attain a greater understanding and appreciation of the complexities and diversity of the world in which they live and become better equipped to succeed in an increasingly diverse and complex society.

This degree can be a good preparation for students transferring to a four-year university with a major in African-American Studies, Anthropology, Chicano Studies, Child Development, Cognitive Science, Criminal Justice, Developmental Studies, Ethnic Studies, Family and Consumer Studies, Global Studies, History, International Relations, Legal Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Social Science, and Sociology, among others.

Students must successfully complete 18 units of study across 3 disciplines listed below:

Administration of Justice 110, 111, 204

Anthropology 102, 103, 110, 204, 208

Behavioral Science 103\*

Biology 108A\*, 251\*

Business 101

Communication 102, 110, 160

Computer Information Systems 110

Counseling 114, 130

Early Childhood Education 110, 112

Economics 101, 102

Education 110, 111

Ethnic Studies 110, 111, 112, 121, 151, 154, 214, 216

Geography 102, 109

Health Education 130

History 100, 101, 102, 110, 111, 112, 117, 118, 151, 214, 216, 238

Math 115\*

Political Science 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 117, 201, 203, 210, 215, 220

Psychology 110, 111, 112, 114, 116, 140, 204, 205\*, 230, 251\*

Sociology 110, 112, 114, 140, 205\*, 230

Statistics 115\*

Note:

*\*Credit is awarded for only one course in each of the following groups:*

*Behavioral Science 103 or Biology 108A*

*Math 115 or Statistics 115*

*Psychology 205 or Sociology 205*

*Psychology 251 or Biology 251*

*Ethnic Studies 151 or History 151*

**Program Learning Outcomes**

- Demonstrate through written and oral work an understanding of key concepts, terminology, principles and/or theories within the social and behavioral sciences.
- Demonstrate through written and oral work an understanding of methodological approaches used by the social and behavioral sciences to investigate and analyze human behavior.
- Understand and articulate how culture, society, politics and diversity shape the role of the individual within society.
- Describe and analyze how individuals, or groups, are influenced by, or interact with social, cultural or political intuitions.
- Articulate and critically evaluate how social and behavioral scientists view the ways that individuals and societies are interconnected within social, historical, political, and cultural environments.

**A.A. in Public Safety**

College of Marin's Associate in Arts in Public Safety Degree is designed to provide students, as well as current public safety workers, with the knowledge and skills necessary for entrance or advancement within various public service sectors. This breadth of study allows a student to explore courses across the field of public safety and supports associate degree completion for existing law enforcement, emergency medical service, and fire personnel. All students should consult a counselor.

Click [here](#) for major requirement.