

## Liberal Arts and Sciences Major

### **LIBERAL ARTS and SCIENCES MAJOR - A.A.**

Primary Faculty, Manhattan:

Adelaide Pabon (Director)

Primary Faculty, Rockland:

In Hak Moon, Dr. Jung Hang Lee

#### **Program**

The Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences is a two-year program designed to provide students with a comprehensive foundation in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, language and literature, and the sciences. Students learn how to think critically, communicate effectively, make connections across extensive fields of knowledge, and cultivate new interests, skills, and talents, while expanding their vision of the world. Graduates who plan their programs carefully can transfer to a Bachelor's degree program as juniors in a wide range of majors. Career possibilities for graduates at entry level positions are very broad. Many employers encourage their workforce to pursue a college education, and prefer to hire AA graduates because of their broad exposure to diverse subject matters.

#### **Mission**

The Nyack College Liberal Arts and Sciences program has the mission of equipping and encouraging students to explore a wide range of disciplines, providing them with a solid foundation for lifelong intellectual development in the liberal arts.

#### **Student Learning Goals**

**Academically Excellent:** Students will foster critical thinking in the liberal arts and explore educational opportunities in courses that will help them impact their community and profession. This will be accomplished through a required total of 60 credits: 39 credits of Core Component; 9 credits of Bible and Christian Ministry Component; and 12 credits of Miscellaneous Elective Components.

**Personally Transforming:** Students will be encouraged to self-reflect as they engage the world of ideas through critical thought. This will be accomplished through the assessment of the students' academic, personal, and spiritual needs.

**Socially Relevant:** Students will discover how their personal and academic insights help them serve the world better. This will be accomplished through their reflection on how a particular liberal arts or professional course can have a relevant, social application.

**Globally Engaged:** Students will be exposed to a mosaic of ideas to help them appreciate peoples and cultures across the globe and view the world in a socially responsible manner. This will be accomplished in the classroom, from faculty with substantial global exposure, and through our Global Studies Program, which encourages all Nyack College students to take at least one course abroad.

#### **Program Assessment**

Assessment		Context	Location in Program
1	To demonstrate ability to think critically in the core courses in the Liberal Arts.	This will be accomplished as the students fulfilling all the requirements of the core component courses.	INT101 ENG101 & 102; ENG 201, HIS 113 and 114, PHI 101, elect LAB; SOC SCI; Math, Fine Arts, Language and Liberal Arts
2	To guide the students toward biblical knowledge and Christian service.	This will be accomplished through as students fulfill the Bible and Christian ministry component courses.	PMN 101, BIB 102, and 201, and PMN 201
3	To explore how the above insights apply to daily life in service to others.	This will be accomplished through the learning occurring in the miscellaneous elective component.	Miscellaneous electives.

## Liberal Arts and Sciences Major

Assessment	Context	Location in Program
4	To promote students' appreciation of the diversity in the Liberal Arts and professional fields.	This will be accomplished with the help and mentorship of our diverse faculty and by encouraging each student to take at least one course abroad.
		A course abroad through Nyack College Global Studies Program.

No prior year assessments. Assessments will be instituted Fall 2009.

The Liberal Arts and Sciences major is available at both the Rockland and New York City Campuses. Graduates who wish to pursue a Bachelor's degree at Nyack College are recommended to take BIB 303 Christian Thought (if not intending to major in Bible) and SOC 347 Multicultural America and met with their advisor to plan a smooth transition to their chosen major.

60 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Associate in Arts degree:

<b>Core Component (39 credits)</b>	<b>Credits</b>
ENG 101, 102-College Writing I and II .....	6
ENG 201, 202- Global Literature I or II.....	3
HIS 113, 114 – World Civilization I and II .....	6
PHI 101 – Introduction to Philosophy .....	3
LIB 101-Information Literacy.....	1
Art History Elective .....	3
Foreign Language (1 year of same) .....	6
Laboratory Science elective.....	4
Liberal Arts elective .....	1
Social Science elective .....	3
Math elective .....	3
<b>Bible and Christian Ministry Component (9 credits)</b>	<b>Credits</b>
PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Formation.....	2
BIB 102 - Old Testament Literature.....	3
BIB 201 - New Testament Literature .....	3
PMN 201 – Nyack Heritage .....	1
<b>Miscellaneous Elective Component (12 credits)</b>	
Miscellaneous electives .....	12
 <b>Total credits required .....</b>	 <b>60</b>

### ***Liberal Arts and Sciences Suggested Program Plan***

#### **FIRST YEAR: Fall**

PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form.	2
ENG 101-College Writing I .....	3
Core elective .....	3
Liberal Arts elective.....	1
Social Science elective .....	3
LIB 101-Info Literacy.....	1

#### **SECOND YEAR: Fall**

BIB 201-New Testament Lit.....	3
Liberal Arts Electives.....	6
Electives .....	6
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage.....	1

#### **FIRST YEAR: Spring**

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit. ....	3
ENG 102-College Writing II .....	3
Liberal Arts Electives .....	6
Electives.....	3

#### **SECOND YEAR: Spring**

Laboratory Science .....	4
Liberal Arts Electives .....	9
Elective.....	3