Humanities

Degree Programs

In addition to providing classes that meet General Education requirements for transfer and for Associate degrees, the Humanities Division offers several degree programs for students. For specific degree requirements, please see the College Catalog.

**Associate in Arts Degree: American Sign Language Interpreting**
The American Sign Language Interpreting program is a comprehensive two-year program designed to award students with an Associate in Arts degree in American Sign Language Interpreting. The degree will provide students with transfer opportunities to a four-year college or university as well as equip them with the necessary skills for entry-level positions within the field of interpreting.

Program Student Learning Outcome:
Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the core skills and knowledge required for employment as an interpreter.

**Associate in Arts Degree: English**
The English associate degree provides students with a wide variety of intellectual skills while introducing them to a major source of cultural enrichment. The major includes both creative writing and literature courses. The creative writing courses provide instruction in multiple genres. the literature courses offer a broad range of types and periods of literature.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:
Students will be able to appraise the contributions and relevance of literature.
Students will be able to apply multiple perspectives and critical thinking methods to analyze and interpret literature.

**Associate in Arts Degree: French**
Foreign-language studies provide the student with a foundation in written communication skills of the language. From a vocational standpoint, the program provides skills in translation and interpretation, business, commerce, and foreign-language based research. Foreign-language studies include numerous opportunities for students to enhance language skills and intercultural awareness through activities such as conversational groups, cultural excursions, poetry reading, and foreign film festivals.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:
Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in communicating in expressive and receptive forms in French.
Students will be able to compare and contrast cultures and histories of the French speaking world.

**Associate in Arts Degree: Philosophy**
Philosophy is the activity of trying to make sense of our world through sustained and rigorous thinking about the most difficult questions rooted in the minds of human beings. Thus, the study of philosophy invites reflection upon and analysis of the nature of reality, value, and the self. Courses in philosophy offer students the opportunity for self-development and the building of a coherent view of world and culture. Majoring in philosophy is an excellent way to develop skill in argument analysis as well as critical reasoning, and thus is relevant to understanding problems and evaluating solutions in any area of study or employment. The study of philosophy is excellent preparation for careers in law, journalism, politics, and university teaching. Study in philosophy does not focus on what to think, but on how to think. The program in Philosophy is designed as preparation for transfer to a four-year university with a major in Philosophy, Humanities, or any liberal arts discipline.

Program Student Learning Outcome:
Students will be able to critically engage with the world of ideas, both historical and contemporary, enabling them to interpret and understand their place in the world as citizens and active participants in the expression of human culture and values.

**Associate in Arts Degree: Spanish**
Foreign-language studies provide the student with a foundation in written communication skills of the language. From a vocational standpoint, the program provides skills in translation and interpretation, business, commerce, and foreign-language based research. Foreign-language studies include numerous opportunities for students to enhance language skills and intercultural awareness through activities such as conversational groups, cultural excursions, poetry reading, and foreign film festivals.

Program Student Learning Outcome:
Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in communicating in expressive and receptive forms of Spanish and compare and contrast cultures and histories of the Spanish-speaking world.