

Liberal Arts - Philosophy Concentration, A.A.

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PROGRAM CODE: 01044

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The Liberal Arts AA degree provides a foundation in general studies through exploration of an array of subject areas under liberal arts and sciences. Concentrations provide students opportunity to focus in a specific area. Courses promote development and application of effective communication skills, quantitative and scientific reasoning, critical thinking and analysis, and applying knowledge of human cultures, language and the natural world to issues experienced across diverse communities. The degree provides opportunity for transfer to baccalaureate programs.

The Philosophy Concentration examines fundamental questions about knowledge, reality, and values, such as: How can I know what is true? When am I justified in believing anything? Do morals really matter, or are they just tools of social control? How should I live? Does life have meaning, or do we just make it up as we go along? The Concentration provides foundational courses designed to cultivate deep, critical, and logical engagement with complex philosophical problems.

The curriculum presented here applies to students who started the major in Fall 2026 or Spring 2027. If you enrolled as a matriculant prior to that, please see the *College Catalog* for the year you started the major as a matriculant for the curriculum requirements that apply to you.

Consultation with the Program Advisor is required.

Degree Maps:

Degree Map for Liberal Arts, A.A. - Philosophy Concentration (**see below**)

Your Degree Map contains the suggested term-by-term course sequence for your academic path towards graduation.

To ensure successful and timely completion of your degree, it is recommended that you meet with your academic advisor to discuss your unique map.

Please note some courses *may* only be offered once an academic year.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Liberal Arts degree program requirements, graduates will:

1. identify patterns and idea expressed in cultural and creative artifacts across a diverse range of historical and cultural contexts (ideas).

2. recognize and use the genres of communication common in various liberal arts disciplines (communications).
 3. utilize processes of inquiry associated with liberal arts disciplines to analyze texts, cultural artifacts, and real-life experiences in order to develop an informed understanding of the world (inquiry).
 4. critically examine ethical issues related to complex real-world problems (ethics).
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College Requirements:

English and Math proficient as determined by the CUNY Proficiency Index, unless otherwise exempt, or successful completion of any required developmental course(s).

Civic Engagement Experiences:

One (1) Civic Engagement experience satisfied by Civic Engagement Certified or Civic Engagement Component course or approved outside activity.

Writing Intensive Requirement:

One (1) Writing Intensive Course in any discipline is required.

Required Core (4 Courses, 12 Credits):

When Required Core Courses are specified for a category they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major

*Note: You may elect to take a math or science course that is 4 credits or more. TAP counts 3 credits towards the requirements and the 4th credit as an elective.

- ENG 1200 - Composition I 3 Credit(s)
 - ENG 2400 - Composition II 3 Credit(s)
 - **Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning Course 3 Credit(s) ***
 - **Life & Physical Sciences Course 3 Credit(s) ***
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Flexible Core (6 Courses, 18 Credits):

One course from each Group A to E. **and** one (1) additional course from any Group.
No more than two courses can be selected from the same discipline

A. World Cultures and Global Issues Designated Course

B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity Designated Course

C. Creative Expression Designated Course

D. Individual and Society Designated Course

E. Scientific World Designated Course*

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Major Requirements (6 Courses, 18 Credits):

Course used to satisfy the Major requirements **cannot** be used to also satisfy the Concentration requirements. Students enrolled in a Concentration **cannot** use the following required courses to also satisfy the CUNY Required or Flexible core.

- Arts 3 Credit(s) **or**
- Media and Film Studies 3 Credit(s) **or**
- Music 3 Credit(s) **or**
- Theatre 3 Credit(s)

AND

- Speech 3 Credit(s)

AND

- Literature and Writing **or** Philosophy 3 Credit(s)

AND

- U.S. Politics **or** U.S. History 3 Credit(s)

AND

- Psychology **or** Sociology 3 Credit(s)

AND

- World History 3 Credit(s) **or**
 - Anthropology 3 Credit(s) **or**
 - World Language 3 Credit(s)
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Philosophy Concentration (3 Courses, 9 Credits):

Courses used to satisfy the Concentration requirements **cannot** be used to also satisfy the Major requirements. Students enrolled in a Concentration **cannot** use the following required courses to also satisfy the CUNY Required or Flexible Core.

Select any **three (3)** Philosophy courses for a total of nine (9) credits.

Electives:

3 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits.

Notes:

- World Languages proficiency through the 200-level is recommended for students who do not have native fluency, or have not successfully completed three years of one foreign language in high school and passed the Regents Level 3 language exam. These students may take a 100-level World Language as a Flexible Core: World Cultures and Global Issues (Group A) Pathways requirement and a 200-level World Language as a major requirement. Other concentrations *may* be able to do as listed above.
- For concentrations other than General, it is recommended that you speak with your academic advisor.

Total Credits: 60

Degree Information

Catalog Year: **2026 - 2027**

Plan: **Liberal Arts AA**

Sub Plan: **Philosophy**

Required Credits: **60**

General Requirements

Req GPA: **2.0**

Req Residential Credits: **30**

Req Pathways Credits: **30**

Req Civic Engagement: **1**

Req Writing Intensive: **1**

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Session A

COURSE	CRS
ENG 1200	3
MATH & QUANTITATIVE REASONING	3
Choose 1: Flexible Core U.S. Experiences in Its Diversity	3
Speech	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS
Choose 1: Flexible Core Individual & Society	3

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Session A

COURSE	CRS
ENG 2400	3
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES	3
Philosophy Concentration* Any Philosophy course	3
Psychology or Sociology	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS
Choose 1: Flexible Core World Cultures & Global Issues	3

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Session A

COURSE	CRS
Literature and Writing or Philosophy	3
U.S Politics or U.S. History	3
Philosophy Concentration* Any Philosophy course	3
Choose 1: Flexible Core Creative Expression** ENG 6000 (Recommended)	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS
Choose 1: Flexible Core Scientific World	3

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Session A

COURSE	CRS
Art or Media & Film or Music or Theatre	3
World History or Anthropology or World Language	3
Philosophy Concentration* Any Philosophy course	3
Choose 1: Flexible Core GROUP A - E	3
ELECTIVE	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS

NOTE: The term-by-term course sequence takes into account necessary Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Pre-/Co-requisites

NOTE: Select ONE (1) WRITING INTENSIVE course & ONE (1) CIVIC ENGAGEMENT course. Some courses meet BOTH requirements, see CUNYfirst to determine course status

SEMESTER CRS: 15

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Important Notes:

Courses used to satisfy the Major requirements **cannot** be used to also satisfy the Concentration requirements. Major and Concentration courses **cannot** be used to also satisfy the CUNY Required or Flexible Core

***Philosophy Concentration:** (9 credits)

Select any **three** Philosophy courses

Note: It is recommended that students speak with a program advisor to select an Elective, such as another Philosophy course, that will best serve them at their intended four-year transfer college.