

AREA: Liberal Arts:
Philosophy and Religion Specialization

DEGREE: Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: The associate of arts and sciences degree in philosophy and religion is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college, a university or a seminary for advanced studies. Philosophy and religion offers an excellent foundation as either a major (or a minor) concentration supporting a wide diversity of life career fields including: ethics, general philosophy, liberal studies, pre-theology and religious studies.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The associate of arts and sciences degrees (AA&S) offered by LFCC provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. The AA&S degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts in the areas of English, health/physical education, humanities, mathematics, science and social science.

To help facilitate the transfer process each state-supported college and most private colleges in Virginia produce a Virginia Community College Transfer Guide. These transfer guides provide specific information about the transferability of courses and/or programs to their respective institutions. Transfer guides can be obtained directly from the college of interest or can be referenced in the Office of Student Success on both the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses. Students may also download many Virginia transfer guides online at the following address: <http://www.myfuture.vccs.edu/transfer/>.

Students should begin preparing for transfer as early as possible. Steps in this process include: making a career decision, identifying colleges which offer the intended programs of study, examining available transfer guides and college catalogs, talking with transfer representatives, identifying program prerequisites, researching the academic competitiveness of the institutions and program under consideration, attending open house events offered by the colleges and exploring financial aid and housing opportunities.

LFCC offers many services and programs to assist the transfer student. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of their faculty advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIS 111	History of World Civilization I (or HIS 121)	3
MTH 151	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I (or MTH 163 or 271)	3
PHI 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills Science with laboratory ¹	1 4
Total		17
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS 112	History of World Civilization II (or HIS 122)	3
MTH 152	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts II (or MTH 164, 271 or 272)	3
PED/HLT	Physical education (or health) ⁵ Science with laboratory ¹	2 4
Total		15
Third Semester		
ENG	Literature I ⁶ (ENG 241, 243, or 251)	3
PHI 220	Ethics	3
PHI 265	Philosophy of Religion or REL 230, Religions of the World	3
	Approved social science elective ⁴	3
	Approved humanities elective ²	3
Total		15
Fourth Semester		
CST 100/110	Principles of Public Speaking	3
ENG	Literature II ⁶ (ENG 242, 244, or 252)	3
	Approved elective ³	3
	Approved social science elective ⁴	3
	Approved humanities elective ²	3
Total		15
Program Total		62

¹ A one-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology or physics is recommended; however, depending on the requirements of the four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.

² Students may select humanities electives from the approved list.

³ 115 will satisfy this requirement. Students are required to 1) complete a computer course, such as ITE 115 or equivalent, or 2) demonstrate proficiency in using a Windows-based operating system along with word processing, spreadsheet, database management, presentation and communication software by passing an LFCC Computer Competency exam. Students eligible for option two (2) may select any appropriate elective. Please consult your academic advisor.

⁴ Student may select social science electives from the approved list.

⁵ Students are encouraged to determine, with their advisors' help, transferability of health courses to specific four-year institutions.

⁶ A one-year sequence of literature is recommended.