

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in Liberal Arts: Philosophy and Religion Specialization

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) and associate of science (AS) offered by LFCC are designed to provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. The AA&S and AS degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts.

To help facilitate the transfer process, LFCC has created an online 'Transfer Guide' that provides detailed information such as tuition, GPA, application requirements, course equivalents, and other information that may be useful in the transfer process. The transfer guide can be found at www.lfcc.edu/transfer. The Virginia Community College System also offers a Transfer Planning Tool on the Virginia Educational Wizard, which can be found at www.vawizard.org.

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 program of study, examining available transfer information and college catalogs, exploring Guaranteed Admissions and Transfer agreements, 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 an 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 101/111	History of Western Civilization I or History of World Civilization I	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
ITE	Information Literacy Elective ¹	3
	Foreign Language Elective ¹	3-4
PHI 112	Logic II	3
	Total	16-17
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
HIS 102/112	History of Western Civilization II or History of World Civilization II	3
	Foreign Language Elective ¹	3-4
PHI 100	Intro to Philosophy ²	3
CST	Communication Elective ¹	3
	Total	15-16
Third Semester		
	Science with Lab Elective ^{1,5}	4
MTH	Mathematics Elective ¹	3
	Social Science Elective ¹	3
PHI 200	History of Western Philosophy ³	3
PHI 220	Ethics	3
	Total	16
Fourth Semester		
PED/HLT	Physical Education or Health	1
	Science with Lab Elective ¹	4
MTH	Mathematics Elective ¹	3
ENG	Literature Elective ¹	3
PHI/REL	Philosophy or Religion Elective ⁴	3
	Total	14
	Program Total	61-63

¹ Lists of approved electives can be found on page 42.

² Students should check with the institution to which they are transferring in order to determine the most appropriate courses to take at LFCC.

³ Students wishing to focus on religion may take REL 100, Introduction to the Study of Religion, instead.

⁴ Students wishing to focus on religion, may take REL 230, World Religions, instead.

⁵ Any course with the prefix PHI or REL may be used as a philosophy or religion elective.

⁵ A one-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology, or physics is recommended. However, depending on the requirements of four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.