

Associate of Liberal Arts (A.L.A.)

Degree Type

Associate of Liberal Arts

Associate degree candidates follow the Liberal Education program, which introduces students to the liberal arts and sciences, helps them develop competency in writing and mathematics and permits them to explore other fields. Students in this program work closely with an advisor to choose elective courses that meet their educational, career or exploration goals. As such, students selecting this program may choose to focus on a disciplinary area or theme or explore the broader disciplines in their elective courses. To earn an associate degree, students must earn a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average and complete 60 credits of study, including the 40 credit requirement of the Liberal Education program. Students who earn the associate degree often continue for two more years to earn a baccalaureate degree. This progress toward a bachelor's degree can readily be done at Colby-Sawyer College. Transfer students are welcome to join the program. Registration for summer online courses enables faster completion.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn and apply a broad body of knowledge.
- Students will enrich and deepen self-knowledge.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to think creatively and critically by analyzing, evaluating and synthesizing information.
- Students will communicate and interact effectively.
- Students will have the ability to act ethically and professionally.
- Students will understand and employ multiple perspectives.

Requirements:

Item #	Title	Credits
	Writing Proficiency	4
	Quantitative Literacy	4
FYE 101	First Year Experience	4.0
	Integrative Experience Course	4

Core Courses:

Students are required to take a total of six Liberal Education core courses (24 credits)

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine and Performing Arts Core Course	4
	History Core Course	4
	Humanities Core Course	4
	Literature Core Course	4
	Science Core Course	4
	Social Sciences Core Course	4

Suggested Registration Sequence

First Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
FYE 101	First Year Experience	4.0
WRT 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	4.0
	Humanities Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

First Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	Lib Ed - Liberal Education Core Course	4
	Quantitative Literacy	4
	Social Sciences Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Second Year - Fall

Item #	Title	Credits
	Science Core Course	4
	Integrative Experience Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4

Second Year - Spring

Item #	Title	Credits
	History Core Course	4
	Literature Core Course	4
	Free Elective Course	4