

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
PROCEDURES MANUAL**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Section 303.7**

**SUBJECT: ADDING OR DELETING A “CONCENTRATION” TO THE LIBERAL
STUDIES AA PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**PURPOSE: To document the process for the addition or deletion of a concentration to
the Liberal Study Program of Study for advising purposes.**

The Liberal Studies Program provides 39 credit hours of elective courses (Policy Section 305). This structure was selected to provide the colleges and the students considerable flexibility in structuring individual concentrations to best meet the needs of students.

For advising purposes, a college may list or delete concentrations in its catalog at its discretion. It is understood that such concentrations in the Liberal Studies program will not be added to the academic inventory and that the student’s transcript will not list a concentration, but will simply note that the graduate earned an associate in arts degree in Liberal Studies.

Should a college desire to add a degree program under the associate in arts credential such as English, history, psychology, etc., a full proposal for a new program of study is to be prepared and submitted through the normal approval process. Similarly, for an associate in science (AS) credential for programs such as mathematics, physics, etc., a new program proposal is required.

A concentration in the Liberal Studies Associate in Arts degree program should consist of a minimum of nine (9) credits to build knowledge depth in an area.

REFERENCES: MCCS Policies 303 and 305

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