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REPORT BY UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE  
CATALOG LANGUAGE REGARDING STATE RULE  
FOR LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES COURSES

The following applies to all students who enter Hunter College either as freshmen or transfer students as of Fall 2016: To obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree, students must have a minimum of ninety (90) credits in courses that are classified as Liberal Arts & Sciences courses. For a Bachelor of Science degree, a minimum of sixty (60) credits must be earned in courses that are classified as Liberal Arts & Sciences. Credits taken at Hunter or credits transferred in are subject to this requirement, which is based on a New York State law. While most courses offered at Hunter will be Liberal Arts & Sciences courses, several academic programs offer a number of courses which do not count as Liberal Arts & Sciences. To make sure that your courses follow the New York State guidelines, you must see an advisor if you have many credits or are majoring in any one of the following programs. This is especially important if you transfer courses in these fields to Hunter (their status may depend on the school where you took them):

Art & Art History (Studio Art)  
Economics (Accounting)  
Community Health  
Computer Science  
Dance  
Education  
Film and Media Studies  
Medical Laboratory Sciences  
Music  
Nursing  
Theatre

Students who entered Hunter College after 2009 are under the same requirements, but there is the possibility of a waiver; however this is not guaranteed. Please check with an advisor if you have many credits or are majoring or minoring in one of the above areas. Below is a list of courses that are NOT counted as Liberal Arts & Sciences, organized by Department, School, or Program:

Art & Art History:  
All ARTCR courses.

Community Health:  
COMHE 408  
COMHE 412  
COMHE 400.xx

Economics (Accounting):

ACC 36700 - Analysis of Financial Statements  
ACC 37100 - Intermediate Accounting I  
ACC 37200 - Intermediate Accounting II  
ACC 37300 - Federal Income Taxation  
ACC 37400 - Managerial Accounting (Cost Accounting)  
ACC 38000 - Business Law II  
ACC 47100 - Advanced Accounting I  
ACC 47200 - Advanced Accounting II  
ACC 47300 - Business Taxes  
ACC 47500 – Auditing  
ACC 47600 - Computer Accounting Systems  
ACC 48000 - Business Law III  
ACC 49000 - Accounting & Auditing Research

School of Education:

All courses in the School of Education are non Liberal Arts and Sciences, except:

QSTB 20200 - Child Growth and Development  
QSTB 40300 - Social Foundations of Urban Education  
QSTB 41300 - Psychology of Teaching and Learning  
SEDC 21000 - Building the Foundations of Literacy in Grades 7-12  
SEDF 20300 - Social Foundations of Education, Grades 7-12 (W)  
SEDF 20400 - Adolescent Development  
SEDF 20500 - Educational Psychology: Applications in Grades 7-12  
SEDF 20600 - Assessment of the Teaching and Learning Process in Grades 7-12  
SPED 30800 - Teaching Students with Special Needs in Inclusive Settings

Film and Media Studies:

FILMP 25100 - Film Production I  
FILMP 28600 - Location Sound  
FILMP 31100 - Directing Documentary Video Production  
FILMP 31600 - Experimental Production  
FILMP 34100 - Producing the Film  
FILMP 35200 - Film Production II  
FILMP 37100 - Screen Directing I  
FILMP 37200 - Screen Directing II  
FILMP 38100 - Techniques of Cinematography  
FILMP 38200 - Narrative Editing  
FILMP 38300 - Sound Design  
FILMP 38400 - Film and Video Production  
FILMP 39900 - Special Topics in Advanced Film Practice  
FILMP 45100 - Film and Video Production Seminar  
MEDP 29900 - Special Topics in Media Production

Medical Laboratory Sciences:

MLS 30000 - Fundamental Concepts and Techniques in the Medical Laboratory  
MLS 34900 - Hematology

MLS 35100 - Clinical Microbiology I  
 MLS 35200 - Clinical Microbiology II  
 MLS 35400 - Clinical Biochemistry I: Biomolecules & Metabolism  
 MLS 35500 - Clinical Biochemistry II: Genes to Proteins  
 MLS 36100 - Computers and Data Processing in the Medical Laboratory  
 MLS 41000 - Professional Practice  
 MLS 43000 - Immunohematology  
 MLS 45700 - Senior Seminar  
 MLS 40000 - Topics in Biomedical Sciences

School of Nursing:  
 All Nursing Courses.

**New York State Education Department  
 Policy Statement on Liberal Arts and Sciences<sup>1</sup>:**

This guidance is intended to assist institutions of higher education in New York State in meeting the requirements of the Rules of the Board of Regents, Section 3.47 (c), Requirements for Earned Degrees, Undergraduate degrees:

“Undergraduate degrees shall be distinguished, as follows, by the minimum amount of liberal arts content required for each degree. The required liberal arts core shall not be directed toward specific occupational or professional objectives.”

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Minimum Proportion of Content</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Credits</b>
Associate in Arts (AA)	3/4	45
Associate in Science (AS)	1/2	30
Associate in Applied Science (AAS)	1/3	20
Bachelor of Arts (BA)	3/4	90
Bachelor of Science (BS)	1/2	60
All other undergraduate baccalaureate degrees (BBA, BE, BFA, BPS, BTech, etc.)	1/4	30

The liberal arts and sciences comprise the disciplines of the humanities, natural sciences and mathematics, and social sciences.

A. Examples of course types that are generally considered within the liberal arts and sciences:

1. Humanities:
  - English—composition, creative writing, history of language, journalism, linguistics, literature, literature in translation, playwriting
  - Fine arts—art appreciation, history or theory

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<sup>1</sup> From the NYSED Website:  
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/ocue/lrp/liberalarts.htm> (3/14/16)

- Foreign languages—composition, conversation, grammar, history of the language, literature of the language, reading, translation studies
  - Music—music appreciation, history or theory
  - Philosophy—comparative philosophy, history of philosophy, logic, schools of philosophy
  - Religion—comparative religion, history of religion
  - Theater—dramatic interpretation, dramatic literature, dramaturgy, history of drama, playwriting
2. Natural sciences and mathematics:
- Natural sciences—anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, earth science, geology, physics, zoology
  - Mathematics—calculus, mathematical theory, statistics
  - Computer Science—broad survey/theory courses
3. Social sciences:
- Anthropology, cultural studies, economics, geography, government, history, political science, psychology, sociology
  - Criminal justice—introductory and broad survey courses
  - Communications—interpersonal communication, mass communication, public speaking, speech and rhetoric
- B. Examples of course types that are generally not considered within the liberal arts and sciences:
- o Agriculture
  - o Business—administration, finance, human resources, management, marketing, production
  - o Computer applications (e.g., word processing, database, spreadsheet), programming (e.g., specific languages)
  - o Health and physical education
  - o Home economics
  - o Education and teaching methods
  - o Library science
  - o Music—studio, performance, practice courses—voice, instrument, direction, conducting
  - o Office technologies and practice
  - o Performing and related arts—acting, costume design, dance, direction, lighting, production, scene construction, sound production
  - o Specialized professional courses in such fields as accounting, architecture, dental hygiene, dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, nursing, nutrition, pharmacy, podiatry, veterinary medicine
  - o Studio art—drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture
  - o Technology/technician fields—construction, data processing, electrical, electronics, graphic arts, mechanical, medical, refrigeration repair
  - o Television and radio production
  - o Theology—pastoral counseling, ministry