The Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts is a part-time degree program created for adults who would like to complete an associate degree with the option to continue for a bachelor’s degree at a later time. The Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts allows part-time students to complete their core liberal arts requirements at a pace that is comfortable for them. Working with advisors in the University of Hartford’s Center for Adult Academic Services, students can discuss how their prior credits will be used in the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts program and whether they might hasten progress towards their degree through the use of CLEP and DANTES exams or the LINCS program for earning credit for life experience.

Adult students are welcome to take classes during the day, evening, online or on Saturday. In fact, at the University of Hartford, Saturday classes are open only to adults. This special scheduling allows employed adults to make progress towards a degree without further complicating their work days; it also provides a great learning environment for adults from many different fields who are all motivated by the same goal: to complete a degree.

Courses are offered year round on the University of Hartford’s scenic, suburban 350 acre campus in West Hartford, Connecticut which has ample parking and is also serviced by the CT Transit System.
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM DESIGN

The purpose of a liberal arts degree is to promote intelligent understanding of oneself, one’s chosen work, and the complex work in which life and work continue. The core curriculum ensures that each student becomes acquainted with many fields of study and explores many disciplines to acquire a solid foundation of specific knowledge as well as the analytic skills and historic perspective necessary to meet the challenges of the future. To qualify for the Associate in Arts a student must attain a 2.0 grade point average with at least 60 credits in academic courses selected to provide a wide distribution of academic experiences. To earn the degree from the University of Hartford, a student must complete 30 credits in residence at the University.

The curriculum is organized as follows:

**COMMUNICATION [9 CREDITS]**
Students will learn the art of communication in both written and oral forms and are required to complete RPW 110 Rhetoric and Writing I and RPW 111 Rhetoric and Writing II, and a communication course (CMM 110,111,115).

**MATHEMATICS [3 CREDITS]**
Students are required to complete one college-level mathematics course. M 118 does not fulfill this requirement.

**GROUP I: HUMANITIES AND ARTS [6 CREDITS]**
Students are required to complete a minimum of 6 credits from courses in art history, literature, music theory, history, philosophy, cinema, drama, writing, AUCW Western Heritage, and AUCA The Arts.

**GROUP II: LABORATORY SCIENCES [4 CREDITS]**
Students are required to complete a minimum of 4 credits from physical sciences, biology, chemistry, and AUCT Science and Technology.

**GROUP III: SOCIAL SCIENCES [6 CREDITS]**
Students are required to complete a minimum of 6 credits from economics, politics and government, psychology, sociology, and AUCS Social Context.

**GROUP IV: MULTICULTURAL STUDIES [3 CREDITS]**
Students are required to complete a minimum of 3 credits in modern languages, world literature, literature in a foreign language, African American studies, world religions, and AUCC Other Cultures.

**ELECTIVES: [29 CREDITS]**
Students may select courses of interest or courses which will meet requirements of the bachelor’s degree program to which they plan to transfer. Only 1 credit of physical education may be counted towards the associate degree.

The Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts fits hand in glove with our Bachelor of Arts in University Studies.

The associate degree program here is essentially the first half of a bachelor’s degree. Most students find that once they get started, they do not want to stop their education. With proper planning and course selection, students completing the associate degree should be able to move directly into the Bachelor of Arts in University Studies program at the junior level with a simple change of major form. No additional application is needed. We would be happy to show you this dual degree approach.
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts program must submit the following:

• A completed application, http://admission.hartford.edu/parttime/forms.php
• $35 application fee
• Official transcripts from any college attended
• An official high school transcript
• If student graduated high school within five years and took the SATs, an SAT score report should also be sent.

DEADLINES AND DATES

Admission for the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts program is done on a rolling basis throughout the year; students can be admitted to begin in the fall, spring or summer sessions or for the December Saturday session. It is recommended that all application materials be submitted no later than one month prior to the start of the term in which the student is seeking admission.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

• Completion of a minimum of 60 credits that satisfy the distribution spread of the degree requirements.
• A minimum of 30 credits in residence at the University of Hartford.
• A minimum GPA of 2.0.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

The Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts (AALA) program is very affordable. AALA students are charged at the per credit rate up to 11.5 credits a semester. In addition to the cost per credit for the courses they select, students pay minimal fees per semester which usually total less than $100. This per credit pricing structure means that AALA students can progress at nearly a full-time pace for a fraction of the cost of full-time tuition. For the current per credit rate, go to http://uhaweb.hartford.edu/bursar/tuition.htm.

BEGIN TAKING CLASSES EVEN BEFORE ADMISSION

There are 11 start dates throughout the year, so you can begin taking classes as soon as you are ready. Prospective students are welcome to take up to 15 undergraduate credits before applying to a degree program. Taking courses as a non-matriculated student (a student not formally accepted into a degree program) is an excellent way to get to know the University of Hartford before committing to a particular degree program. Credits earned by non-matriculated students will count towards their degrees once the students are accepted into a program. NOTE: Non-matriculated students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

Day, evening, online and Saturday classes

Students in the Associate in Arts Program can take advantage of the full range of course offerings at the University of Hartford. In fact, adult students have more options of class times than traditional students, since Saturday classes are open only to adults. This special scheduling ensures that the working adult is able to make steady progress towards completing a degree. In addition, our growing number of online courses means that the majority of courses needed for the Associate in Arts degree can be done online.
FINANCIAL AID

Student financial assistance is administered through the Office of Admission and Student Financial Assistance and is limited to federal financial aid and supplemental loan programs. Students must meet all eligibility requirements as established by the U.S. Department of Education. The academic year includes summer, fall, and spring. In order to be eligible for financial aid, students must:

• be matriculated in the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts program
• be registered at least half-time throughout the year (six credits per regular semester or three credits each Saturday session for 12 credits per year)
• file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov. This must be done yearly.
• meet all requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education including both quantitative (rate of completion) and qualitative (GPA of 2.0 or better) requirements.

For more information on financial aid, call 800.947.4303 or email finaid@hartford.edu or visit the financial aid website at http://admission.hartford.edu/financial_aid/.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Center for Adult Academic Services would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts program and how it may help you meet your academic and career goals. Please contact either Karen Sullivan at 860.768.4373 or ksullivan@hartford.edu or Jillian Vollentine at 860.768.4457 or vollentin@hartford.edu

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