THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE (BA)
LIBERAL ARTS

The Maria College Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts aligns with the Maria mission of “Service to Others” in addition to providing a rich foundation in the arts and humanities. Students will foster an appreciation of education, as more than just a means to employment, but also as a lifelong pursuit and source of enrichment.

This carefully designed academic curriculum offers diverse course offerings in communication, social sciences, philosophy, religious studies, languages, cultural studies, arts and humanities, mathematics, and science. This will develop and sharpen students’ skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, team work and communication all of which are critical to career entry and/or graduate studies.

In addition to the required core of 67 credits, students will choose to concentrate in either communication studies or government studies for a total of 24 credits.

An internship is built into the program’s capstone experience in the selected concentration field. This work experience will enhance classroom learning thereby providing students a competitive edge when seeking employment. The program also provides a solid foundation for advanced study at the graduate level.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Develop insight into their own and others’ behavior and mental processes and apply effective strategies for self-management and self-improvement.
- Pursue realistic ideas about how to implement their knowledge, skills and values in occupational pursuits in a variety of settings that meet personal goals and societal needs.

Liberal Arts Academic Overview

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts is a 120 credit program that includes a core of 67 required credits integrated with 24 credits in the selected communication or government studies concentration. The program also includes 27 credits of free electives and 2 credits of first year experience.

Concentration Options

**Communication Studies**

- Professional Writing
- Technical and Professional Communication
- Introduction to Organizational Communication
- Strategic Communication
- Social Media: Theory and Practice
- Internship in Communication Studies
- Capstone in Communication Studies

**Government Studies**

- Advanced Composition
- The American Political System
- International Relations
- Constitutional Law
- Research Methods
- Internship in Government Studies
- Capstone in Government Studies

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