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# Associate of Science in Liberal Arts

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Program Mission

A strong educational foundation is vital for reaching your career goals. Knowledge and skills in a variety

# Admission Requirements

High School Graduates

- 1. Applicants to the A.S. Liberal Arts degree must submit their high school transcript or college transcripts. The high school transcript is not necessary if the student was previously enrolled in a higher learning institution; then, only the college transcript is necessary.
- 2. Minimum 2.0 GPA
- 3. Students may transfer in up to 30 credit hours. Students should contact the School of Professional and Online Education for further details about transfer credits.

## College Launch Applicants

- 1. Applicants to the A.S. Liberal Arts degree must have their guidance counselor submit their high school transcript and reference form to the School of Professional and Online Education.
- 2. Minimum 3.0 GPA
- 3. Students must agree to complete all necessary requirements to obtain a high school diploma while working on the associate degree.

## Graduation Requirement

To receive a degree, each student must satisfy check sheet requirements, earn 60 credit hours. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate and obtain the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts degree. It is the student's responsibility to work with their advisor and monitor progress towards these goals.

## Notice of Nondiscrimination

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## Note about the Catalog

Each program at the institution maintains a catalog in which basic academic information related to the program's goals, expectations, admission, policies, accreditation, and other pertinent information is described. This applies to undergraduate, non-traditional (e.g., online, adult degree completion), graduate, and seminary programs.

Grace makes every attempt to provide information that, at the time of publication, most accurately describes the policies, procedures, and requirements of the institution and its individual programs.

The provisions of the academic catalogs are, therefore, to be considered a guide and not to be regarded as a contract between any student and the institution. Course content and institutional policies governing admissions, tuition, and campus life are under constant review and revision.

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Courses of study for non-traditional, graduate, and seminary programs and check sheets for undergraduate students may undergo revisions; however, these are implemented typically in the fall of the new academic year.

All students are expected to be familiar with the catalog(s) associated with their selected program(s) of study with the understanding that policies and procedures of their selected program(s) may change from year-to-year. The current year's catalog should, in most situations, be considered the catal

# Drop Dates

To drop a course, you must contact your Grace Advisor; College Launch Students must also contact your high school guidance counselor. Dropping a course is <u>not</u> recommended because this will impact your

## BIB 1050 Exploring the Bible

This course provides a survey of the biblical story in its progressive unfolding of the history of redemption within the framework of creation, fall, redemption, consummation. Attention is given to the literary, historical, cultural, and theological dimensions of Scripture as it offers a meta-narrative or "worldview-story." Emphasis is placed on the unity of Scripture as it reaches its fullness and fulfillment in Christ, while at the same time recognizing key developments and differences between the various chapters of the biblical storyline. Three hours.

#### COM 1100 Public Speaking

A study of communication theory as applicable to public speaking. Students explore the components of an effective speech, as well as current applications of speaking skills. Emphasis will be placed on practicing and displaying these skills in a laboratory setting. Three hours.

#### BIB 2010 Scripture and Interpretation

Foundational principles of effective Bible study will be applied for personal study and small group Bible study leadership. Observational skills of the English text will be developed through hands-on activities and assignments. Hermeneutical principles will be applied to various biblical genres with the goal of equipping the learner to interpret the text based on its historical/cultural and literary context. Application of the meaning of the text for spiritual formation will be emphasized as well. Three hours.

## GEO 1010 World Geography

This course provides students with a regional approach to understanding the physical and human processes shaping the world. The course will involve the study of the physical and human geography of the different sub-regions within the world. It will also introduce students to the "geographic perspective" and how geographers' study and analyze problems. Finally, the course aims at helping students use the geographic perspective and geographic concepts and skills to understand issues in the real world.

## PSY 1100 Introduction to Psychology

Introduction to Psychology provides a general survey of the science of psychology. It includes the study of research methodology, emotion, biological foundations, learning and cognition, perception, development, personality, abnormal psychology, and social psychology.

SCI 2030 Faith, Science, and Reason

Faith, Science, and Reason is designed to assist the student in (1) demonstrating the scope and magnitude of

#### HUM 3500 Liberal Arts Capstone

This capstone is the final course for the Associate of Science program. The course seeks to integrate the concepts, techniques, and knowledge within the course work of the liberal arts program. Students select an area of interest related to their academic studies, and future goals for continued education or employment to create a research project. The project will be comprehensive in nature demonstrating their knowledge of the program outcomes.

#### ECN 3000 Consumer Economics

Consumer Economics is a course designed to prepare students to understand the economic system from a Biblical perspective and how it affects individuals as consumers, producers, and citizens. Students will integrate knowledge skills and practices required for management of resources in a technologically expanding global economy. Real world topics covered will include income money management spending and credit as well as saving and investing. Core skills in decision making problem solving critical thinking goal setting management of multiple roles and using technology are integrated into the course content. Three hours.

#### HIS 1050 Current Issues in Historical Context

This class examines the historical and political development of at least two broad topics that remain part of contemporary discussion and illustrates the way the past can help students understand current debates and conversations. The topics chosen are meant to represent areas of significant concern for understanding current issues and moral questions. The course asks the question, "How did we get here?" and provides a foundation for discussions of diversity, citizenship, Christian ethics, and cultural awareness. Topics will likely change over time. Three hours.

#### PSY 1200 Essentials in Behavioral Science

This introductory course in Behavioral Sciences provides an opportunity to learn about various behavioral science topics, concepts and real-life applications. This course will survey multiple topics as they relate to relationships. Students will also be encouraged during this course to increase personal awareness of how cognitive and emotional factors influence behavior in a variety of social contexts. The focus of this course is on improving relationships in many different sectors of life.

#### MAT 1185 Quantitative Reasoning

This is a course on mathematical applications which uses algebra, statistics, logic, and other mathematical concepts to study and model the world around us. Topics include applied statistical applications, Fibonacci numbers, the golden ratio, population growth, and logic. Prerequisites: 12 credit hours; Basic Algebra. Three credit hours.

#### SCI 1140 Physical Science Survey

Physical Science Survey Activities and lectures will cover motion, energy, gravity, light, radiation, earth materials, and space. Three cr reW\*ediover ec-4.090.00000912 0 612 792 re reW\* nBT/F2 12 Tf1 0 0 11 72.024 644.74 T

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applicable to other texts and areas outside the realm of literature. This course also includes how the digital age has changed reading and interpretation. The default theme of this course is utopian and dystopian literature, which will help students analyze why and how writers conceive of societies better or worse than their own. More specifically, this theme explores questions like: when does an ideal society become oppressive? What is the balance between communal and individual needs? What sociopolitical issues cause writers to reimagine law, authority, and technology?

#### POS 2200 Introduction to American Government

This course introduces students to how the political system in America functions. It focuses on the actual workings of the American government and starts with the cultural and constitutional contexts of American politics. Students will examine such general topics as the Constitution, branches of government, political parties, special interest groups, the media and public opinion. Three credits

#### HIS 2050 American Journeys

In this topical survey of the history of the United States to the end of World War II, students will be introduced to the major issues, broad developments and perennial questions that cut to the heart of American identity. The course will cover such topics as the ideological origins of the American nation, the historical relationship between state and national sovereignty, race and slavery, sectional tensions and the Civil War, social and religious movements, and the culture wars that continue to impact American society today. Three credits

#### HIS 2060 American Journeys 2

This topical survey of the history of the United States is a continuation of HIS 2050 American Journeys. Students will be introduced to many of the major issues, broad developments, and perennial questions that cut to the heart of American identity. The chronological scope of the course may vary depending on the needs of the Department of History and Political Science, the School of Professional and Online Education, and those of approved dual credit institutions. Depending on the scope, the course may cover such topics as the Gilded Age, the Progressive Era, America's role in the World War's, the Civil Rights movement, the Cold War, and the rise of contemporary political and social movements. Three hours.

## ENG-2300 Advanced Writing

This course is designed for students who have mastered college-ready writing and whose academic or career objectives require professional-