

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Emphasis in Arts and Humanities

Program Status:

Active from 2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)

Department:

Arts and Humanities

Award Type:

A.A. Degree Major (Credit)

Program/Catalog Description

The Associate Degree in Liberal Arts is designed for students who wish to have a broad knowledge of liberal arts and sciences plus additional coursework in an "Area of Emphasis." This area of emphasis would be an ideal choice for students who plan on transferring to the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) as students can satisfy general education requirement, plus focus on transferable coursework that relates to majors at these institutions. Please consult with a counselor for information regarding your intended major at the specific college or university of your choice. Along with the area of emphasis requirements, students must also fulfill the CalGETC General education pattern to complete all degree requirements.

Control Number:

17998

Credential ID:

No value

Transferability:

No value

(SP01) Program TOP Code:

4903.00

(SP01) Program TOP Code:

Humanities

(SP02) Student Program Award:

Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree

Maximum Credits:

61

Minimum Credits:

60

Curriculum Committee Approval Date:

12/11/2025

Board of Trustees Approval Date:

01/13/2026

External Review Approval Date:

01/13/2026

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:

2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)

What changes have been made to the program:

Updating to pull in Phase 2 A and B CCN. Removing MUS and THA classes as they are being inactivated.

Program Justification:

No value

Submission Rationale

No value

Program Requirements

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Emphasis in Arts and Humanities (Total 60)	
Complete the following number of credits: 60	
Area of Emphasis: A minimum of 18 units is required in the Area of Emphasis listed below. For depth of study, 2 or more courses in one discipline is required. Courses selected may also be used to fulf (Total 18)	
Complete the following number of credits: 18	
ART101 - Introduction to Art	3
ART105 - Digital Photography	3
ART106 - Advanced Digital Photography	3
ART107 - Intermediate Digital Photography	3
ARTHC1100 - Survey of Art from Prehistory to the Medieval Era	3
ARTHC1200 - Survey of Art from the Renaissance to Contemporary	3
ART120 - Beginning Painting Design and Color	3
ART125 - Beginning Drawing and Composition	3
ASL131 - American Sign Language I	4
ASL132 - American Sign Language II	4
ASL134 - American Sign Language III	4
ASL135 - American Sign Language IV	4
ENGLC1000 - Academic Reading and Writing	4
ENGLC1002 - Introduction to Literature	3
ENG122 - Survey of World Literature I	3
ENG120 - Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENG125 - Introduction to Film	3
ENG140 - Survey of American Literature II	3
ENG222 - Survey of World Literature II	3
HIS110 - World Civilization I	3
HIS120 - World Civilization II	3
PHI100 - Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI120 - Introduction to Ethics	3
SPA101 - Elementary Spanish I	5
SPA102 - Elementary Spanish II	5
SPA115 - Spanish for Spanish Speakers	5
SPE101 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
COMMC1000 - Introduction to Public Speaking	3
SPE103 - Argument and Debate	3
SPE105 - Introduction to Intercultural Communication	3
CalGETC: Transfer General Education Requirements	34-38

Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes

Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Emphasis in Arts and Humanities

PSLO

Performance

1. Acquired fundamental grounding in communication, critical thinking, scientific inquiry, and quantitative reasoning, the arts, literature and humanities, social, political and economic institutions, and self-development

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2. Acquired a broad understanding and appreciation of the arts and humanities.

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Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The AA with Emphasis in Arts and Humanities provides students with a broad liberal arts background, and prepares them for transfer to four-year institutions where they might pursue any one of many majors and careers requiring strong writing, critical thinking and communication skills.

The program requires general education preparation in either CSU-GE or IGETC, thus qualifying graduates for admission to either the California State University system or the University of California.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

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Along with the area of emphasis requirements, students must also fulfill the CalGETC General education pattern to complete all degree requirements.

Narrative Item 3. Program Requirements

Program Requirements:

Arts & Humanities

General Education Requirements:

Area of Emphasis: A minimum of 18 units is required in the Area of Emphasis listed below. For depth of study, 2 or more courses in one discipline is required. Courses selected may also be used to fulfill GE areas, refer to each transfer institution policy.

Complete CalGETC for the General Education pattern which relates to your educational goal. (34 - 38 units)

ART 101 105, 106, 107, 120, 125

ATH C1100, C1200

ASL 131, 132, 134, 135

ENG 222, 120, 122, 125, 140, ENGL C1000, C1002

HIS 110, 120

PHI 100, 120

SPA101, 102, 115

SPE 101, 103, 105, COMM C1000

Recommended Program Sequencing:

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS: Arts & Humanities

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS GENERAL EDUCATION CSU-GE BREADTH

DESCRIPTION:

(to be completed by department)

Required Core: 18 units

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

(to be completed by department)

SEMESTER BY SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL TIME STUDENTS

Plans will be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters

*Pre-requisite:	Co-requisite:	Advisory:	Recommended:
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Semester 1	Credits	Advising Notes
ENGL C1000	4	
MAT-108	4	
SPE-101	3	
AREA E	3	Recommended: GES-115/ HEA-140
AREA D	3	Recommended: SOCI C1000 or PSY 101
Total Credits:	17	
Semester 2	Credits	Advising Notes
COMM C1000/ENGL C1001	3	
AREA D	3	Recommended: HIST C1002
AREA B1,B3	4	Recommended: AST/GEO/GEL
ELEC	3	
AREA C	3	Recommended: PHI/ASL/SPA/ENG
Total Credits:	16	
Semester 3	Credits	Advising Notes
SPE-103	3	Pre-req SPE-101,COMM C1000
AREA D	3	Recommended: POS 145
BIO-100 & 101	4-5	
AREA C2	3	Recommended: ARTH C1100, MUS 121 or THA 151
AREA D	3	Recommended: ANT-101
Total Credits:	16	
Semester 4	Credits	Advising Notes
SPE-105	3	
COMM C1004	3	
ELEC	3	
AREA C1/C2	3	Recommended: ENG 125 or THA
Total Credits:	12	

**Summer session courses are optional and may not be required for your program of study.*

Narrative Item 4. Master Planning

The AA with Emphasis in Arts and Humanities is consistent with the college mission, which states, in part, that Palo Verde College "supports an exemplary learning environment with high quality educational programs and services..." The degree is consistent with New Goal 1 of the PVC Strategic Plan Horizon 2023 which states, in part, that the College shall "create, provide, and implement exemplary student services and instructional programs that serve the needs of our diverse and unique student population and community..." The AA with Emphasis in Arts and Humanities is consistent with California's higher education master planning strategies, evidenced by its transferability to UC and CSU institutions.

Narrative Item 5. Enrollment and Completer Projections

The AA with Emphasis in Arts and Humanities is among the top three AA degree awards at Palo Verde College. After a decline in 2020 due to the pandemic, it is expected to rebound in the years ahead to approximately 45 awards annually.

AA, Liberal Arts, emphasis in Arts & Humanities	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020 Estimated	2020-2021 Projected	2021-2022 Projected	2022-2023 Projected
Number of Awards	25	32	19	39	34	53	30	35	40	45

Narrative Item 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs

The AA with Emphasis in Arts and Humanities is among three other “with emphasis in” AA degrees offered by Palo Verde College. It is unique in that it offers students a broad liberal arts preparation, emphasizing the arts and humanities, is fully transferable to UC and CSU campuses, and provides students with a solid liberal arts grounding preparing them for a wide variety of majors and careers requiring strong writing, critical thinking and communication skills.

Narrative Item 7. Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area

There are no other colleges or universities in Palo Verde College’s service area in the main Blythe campus. The closest college to the Needles Center is Mojave Community College in Arizona, located one hundred miles north of Blythe and outside the Palo Verde’s service area. The degree most comparable to Palo Verde’s AA with Emphasis in Arts and Humanities is Mojave’s AA in Liberal Arts.