## Northern Virginia Community College 2009-2010 Catalog

## LIBERAL ARTS:

## **International Studies Specialization**

Associate of Arts Degree

AL, AN, LO, MA, WO, ELI

*Purpose:* The Liberal Arts A.A. degree with a specialization in International Studies is designed to prepare students who intend to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree program in International Studies. The International Studies specialization will broaden the student's education to include more emphasis on other cultures and countries in recognition of the increasing interdependence of today's world.

*Transfer Information:* Students are advised to work closely with the faculty and counseling staff for program and course scheduling. Electives should be chosen carefully to meet requirements of transfer institution. The responsibility for proper course selection rests with the student.

Two Years		Credits
1st Semester		
ENG  1  2  MTH	<ul><li>111 College Composition I</li><li>201 Foreign Language</li><li>151 Math for the Liberal Arts I</li></ul>	3 3 3 4
3	Natural Science/Lab Elective	3
<sup>4</sup> PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
SDV		<u>1</u>
SDV	Total	15
2nd Semester		
<sup>5</sup> ENG	112 College Composition II	3
1	202 Foreign Language	
	152 Math for the Liberal Arts II	3
3	Natural Science/Lab Elective	4
<sup>4</sup> PED/RPK Elective		3 3 4 1 3
CST	229 Intercultural Communication	<u>3</u>
	Total	17
3rd Semester		
ECO	201 Principles of Economics I	3
<sup>6</sup> ENG	Literature Elective	3
7	General Elective	3
<sup>8</sup> HIS	Elective	3
9	Non-western Requirement	3
	Total	3 3 3 3 15
4th Semester		
ECO	202 Principles of Economics II	3
7	General Elective	3
<sup>8</sup> HIS	Elective	3
10	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
	Non-western Requirement	3 3 3 3 3 15
	Total	15

## Total credits for the A.A. Degree in Liberal Arts with a Specialization in International Studies = 62

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Students completing the A.A. in Liberal Arts must demonstrate intermediate college-level (201-202) proficiency in a language other than English. The 201-202 courses require a prerequisite proficiency equivalent to the 101-102 sequence in the language. Placement testing determines initial foreign language level. Students completing 101-102 foreign language may use those credits to meet general elective requirements. Waivers or credit by exam (through CLEP) for previous experience is available for *some* languages. Students whose native language is not English may substitute general electives for foreign language upon the approval of the advising division dean.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Any higher-level mathematics course may be substituted; see transfer requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The science elective may be selected from biology, chemistry, physics, geology, or natural science courses with a lab component, listed under General Education Electives. Some four-year colleges require a two-semester sequence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The PED requirement may be met by one of the following options: PED 116, 2 cr.; PED 116, 1 cr. plus a PED activities course, 1 cr.; or PED 116, 1 cr. plus RPK activities course. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ENG 125 may be substituted with the advice of a counselor or faculty advisor according to requirements of transfer institutions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Any 200-level literature course with an ENG prefix satisfies this requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Social Science or Humanities recommended. Suggested courses include HUM 201-202, Survey of Western Culture; HUM 231-232, Survey of Asian Culture; or advanced language courses in history, literature, or civilization above the 202 designation (example: SPA 233-234, Introduction to Spanish Civilization and Literature). Consult your advisor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> HIS 101-102 or HIS 111-112 are recommended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Students may choose from: ART 103-104, HIS 203, HIS 231-232, HIS 241-242, HIS 251-252, HIS 253-254, HIS 255, HIS 256, or REL 231-232, or other non-western courses approved by advisor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from the humanities/fine arts courses listed under General Education Electives. Elective should be selected with advice of a counselor or faculty advisor to meet requirements of transfer institution.