The Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts is a part-time degree program created for adults who would like to complete an associate’s degree with the option to complete 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 determine how their prior credits will apply and whether they may qualify for CLEP and DANTES exams or the LINCS program to earn credit for life experience.

Adult students are welcome to take day, evening, online, or Saturday classes. This variety of scheduling allows employed adults to make progress toward 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, 350-acre campus in West Hartford, Conn., which has ample parking and is also serviced by the Connecticut Transit system.
The purpose of a liberal arts degree is to promote intelligent understanding of oneself, one’s chosen work, and the complex world in which life and work continue. The core curriculum ensures that each student 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 a wide distribution of academic courses. The student must complete 30 credits at the University.

The curriculum is organized as follows:

**COMMUNICATION** [9 CREDITS]
Students learn the art of communication in both written and oral forms and are required to complete RPW 110 Rhetoric and Writing I, RPW 111 Rhetoric and Writing II, and a communication course (CMM 110, 111, or 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 that meet requirements of the bachelor’s degree program to which they plan to transfer. Only 1 credit of physical education may be counted toward the associate’s degree.
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ADMISSION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the Associate in Arts Liberal Arts program must submit the following
• a complete application, available at hartford.edu/apt_admissions/apply.aspx
• $35 application fee
• official transcripts from any college attended
• an official high school transcript
• an SAT report, if a student graduated from high school within the past five years and took the SAT exam

DEADLINES AND DATES

Admission to the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts program is granted on a rolling basis throughout the year; students are admitted in the fall, spring, or summer sessions, or to 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 to which the student is seeking admission.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts degree, students must satisfy these 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 program is very affordable. 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 $150. This per-credit pricing structure means that students can progress at nearly a full-time pace for a fraction of the cost of full-time tuition. Go to hartford.edu/aboutuofh/finance_administration/financial_affairs/bursar/ tuition for the current per-credit rate,

BEGIN TAKING CLASSES EVEN BEFORE ADMISSION

The University of Hartford offers 11 course start dates throughout the year, so students can begin taking classes as soon as they are ready. Prospective students are welcome to take up to 15 undergraduate credits before applying to a degree program. Taking courses as a nonmatriculated 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 nonmatriculated students count toward their degrees once students are accepted into a program.

NOTE: Nonmatriculated 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. Adult students have more scheduling options than traditional students (since Saturday classes are open only to adults). This ensures that working adults are able to make steady progress towards completing their degrees. Our growing number of online offerings means that the majority of courses needed for the Associate in Arts degree can be taken 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 halftime throughout the year (6 credits per regular semester or 3 credits each Saturday session for 12 credits per year)
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• file Free Application for Federal Student Aid online at fafsa.ed.gov (this must be done yearly) and
• 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, email finaid@hartford.edu or see admission.hartford.edu/financial_aid/

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Center for Adult Academic Services welcomes any questions, large or small, you may have about the the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts program and how it can help you meet your academic and career goals. Please contact Karen Sullivan (860.768.4373, ksullivan@hartford.edu) or Rob Toller at (860.768.4457, toller@hartford.edu) to learn more.

Learn more about the University of Hartford:

http://www.hartford.edu/apt_admissions/adult_programs/BUS-AALiberal.aspx