

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

ONLINE ACADEMY

Associate of Arts - Interdisciplinary Studies: Course Descriptions

Summer Semester after 10th Grade

UNIV 104 (CSB 3101) – Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning

Designed to equip students for success as they transition into the online classroom, this course offers strategic information tailored to ensure academic excellence in this unique learning environment; this information includes Liberty University's foundations and beliefs, Liberty University Online resources for success, Blackboard navigation techniques, time management strategies, the adult learner's responsibilities, methods for identifying and avoiding academic misconduct, scholarly research tactics, and approaches for selecting the appropriate courses towards completion of the preferred degree program.

College Credits: 3

GOVT 220 (HIS 3220) – American Government

The issues, interest and institutions of American politics, emphasizing the struggle between liberalism and conservatism.

College Credits: 3

11th Grade - Fall Semester

ENGL 101 (LAN 3101) – Composition & Rhetoric

Through the critical engagement of a variety of texts, including written, oral, and visual, this course prepares students to become careful readers, critical thinkers, and skilled writers. Drawing upon rhetorical theory, it emphasizes the practices of analytical reading, informed reasoning, effective writing, and sound argumentation. The course requires 4,000 words of writing in no fewer than five writing projects, three of which are argumentative essays incorporating external sources.

College Credits: 3

RLGN 104 (BIB 3107) – Christian Life & Biblical Worldview

This is a study in the development and application of the biblical worldview. This course will include an introduction and application of critical thinking skills, as well as a study of religious and philosophical worldviews. Special attention will be given to the theology and methodology of evangelism.

College Credits: 4

ENGL 102 (LAN 3102) – Composition & Literature

Composition and Literature continues the emphasis on writing. Two analytical papers—based upon studies of the short story, poetry, and drama—and a research paper, sequentially developed, are required.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101

BIBL 104 (BIB 3106) – Survey of Old & New Testament

This survey course is designed to lay a foundational understanding of Scripture via a historical survey of the Old and New Testaments. The student will engage a range of learning activities related to the issues interacting with biblical literature, basic hermeneutical principles, key themes and persons of the canon, and the redemptive theme of Scripture.

College Credits: 4

11th Grade - Spring Semester

COMS 101 (LAN 3103) – Speech Communication

Study and practice in communicating ideas competently in public speaking. Students are also given a foundation for the development of communication skills in other human communication contexts, including dyadic and small group communication.

College Credits: 3

BUSI 223 (CSB 3223) – Personal Finance

Budgets, borrowing funds, stock ownership, savings, real estate as investments, and related tax matters are among the topics covered.

College Credits: 3

PSYC 101 (ASC 3101) – General Psychology

Introduction to Psychology as a scientific discipline concerned with the study of behavior. Consideration will be given to such topics as human development, motivation, emotion, perception, learning, personality, intelligence, measurement, and applied areas.

College Credits: 3

**Subject material may be considered sensitive by some students*

CSTU 101 (FNA 3101) – Western Culture

A survey course which concentrates on the development of Western Culture. It is an integrated study of the visual, performing, and literary arts, and the discipline of philosophy that permeates all the arts. The scope of this course is broad, including the ancient world up to and including the modern world. (Formerly HUMN 101).

College Credits: 3

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MATH 115 (or higher)

Students must take MATH 115 or higher. MATH 115 is recommended.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: MATH 110, Math Assessment, or SAT/ACT

BIOL 101 (SCI 3101) – Principles of Biology

An examination of the fundamental characteristics common among living things. Emphasis is placed upon studies of the cell, energy, metabolism, reproduction, heredity, ecology, phylogeny and the diversity of life.

College Credits: 3

BIOL 103 (SCI 3103) – Principles of Biology Lab

Laboratory exercises selected to demonstrate basic biological concepts. Emphasis is on plant and animal cell chemistry, composition and function, organismal structure and function, biological diversity and population ecology.

College Credits: 1

12th Grade – Fall Semester

ENGL 202 (LAN 3202) – American Literature II

A survey of American literature following the American Renaissance. Two critical papers are required.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101 & ENGL 102

HIUS 221 (HIS 3221) – Survey of American History I

A survey of the political, social and economic developments of America from the colonizing experience through the Civil War with emphasis on the development of the American democratic tradition.

College Credits: 3

ENGL 216 (LAN 3216) – English Literature II

A survey of English Literature from 1660 to the present. Two critical papers are required.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101 & ENGL 102

HIUS 222 (HIS 3222) – Survey of American History II

A survey of American history from Reconstruction to the present, stressing interpretation and analysis of major eras and trends.

College Credits: 3

12th Grade – Spring Semester

THEO 104 (BIB 3104) – Intro to Theology Survey

This course is an introduction to the basic tenets of Christianity.

College Credits: 4

Elective – See A La Carte Course Listings

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INDS 200 (CSB 3200) – Career Planning & Professional Development

Designed to promote and strengthen early awareness of the career development process. While topics are personalized, competencies include assessing, identifying, and evaluating personal values and personality strengths for career application; conducting specific job research and solidifying career plans using critical thinking and logic. Students will also develop a proficiency in networking and job search techniques, resume building, and effective interviewing skills for a relevant field of interest. This course also serves as a capstone requirement for the Interdisciplinary Studies AA degree program.

College Credits: 1