Liberal Arts – General Option
A Strong Foundation

Are you planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree but are not quite ready to choose a major? Are you interested in a variety of college subjects? The General Option within Liberal Arts may be perfect for you. It provides a flexible, yet balanced academic course of study that prepares you for transfer into a bachelor’s degree program or other advanced study.

In Liberal Arts, you explore a wide range of subjects and courses while you develop your critical thinking skills. Among the College’s nine Liberal Arts programs, the General Option offers the most flexibility in course selection.

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Liberal Arts – General Option is a program with numerous benefits:
- It offers choices within several required categories of courses
- It allows you to individualize your study with several general elective courses
- It provides for in-depth study of one subject area through a concentration of three related courses selected in consultation with your academic advisor

An adviser assists you in choosing three courses to create a concentration.

You can use your individualized course plan to:
- explore a personal interest
- reinforce a job skill
- try out a potential career field
- meet specific requirements of a particular transfer institution or major

The Liberal Arts Tradition
Liberal Arts can be most broadly defined as an approach to education that helps students understand their world, think and communicate clearly, contribute as citizens and find satisfaction in their careers.

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The Liberal Arts – General Option Program
Liberal Arts – General Option is an economical and effective way to complete the first two years of a four-year degree program. This degree provides you with
flexibility and prepares you for many different majors.

Through the College, you are able to participate in Dual Admissions programs with several area colleges and universities. Besides providing a smooth transition to junior standing and acceptance of all credits, Dual Admissions agreements may include scholarships based on your grade point average. The College also has dozens of transfer agreements with several area institutions that also allow for a seamless transfer to a four-year college or university. A liberal arts education is frequently described as a base on which to build specialized knowledge.

The program is ideal for students including those who:

- plan to transfer
- are preparing for or considering a specialized career field and want a well-rounded foundation
- are currently undecided about their goals

Areas of Study
All students take courses in English composition, mathematics and science. In addition, the curriculum includes:

- a course reflecting the diversity of the American experience
- courses emphasizing the study of global cultures
- a course in one of the arts or in speech
- additional courses in the humanities and social sciences
- a course in basic computer skills, if needed

You can complete all of the requirements for this A.A. degree at any of the College’s three Regional Centers or online. For more information about the Liberal Arts – General Option program, please visit www.ccp.edu/site/academic/degrees/liberal_general.php.

Admission to the College
Prospective students are strongly encouraged to apply early prior to the start of a term in order to complete the appropriate steps for enrollment. For more information about admission to the College and important dates, including open house information, visit our website at www.ccp.edu, call 215-751-8010 or email admissions@ccp.edu.

College Information
Visit the College website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

- Academic Programs
  www.ccp.edu/site/academic/
- Admissions Process
  www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php
- Transfer Agreements
  www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/
- Financial Aid
  www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/
- Scholarships and Awards
  www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/
- College Life
  www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/
- Directions to the College
  www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

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