

## **NYSED Policy Statement on Liberal Arts and Sciences**

This guidance is intended to assist institutions of higher education in New York State in meeting the requirements of the Rules of the Board of Regents, Section 3.47 (c), Requirements for Earned Degrees, Undergraduate degrees:

**“Undergraduate degrees shall be distinguished, as follows, by the minimum amount of liberal arts content required for each degree. The required liberal arts core shall not be directed toward specific occupational or professional objectives.”**

<b>Degree and minimum required total program credits</b>	<b>Minimum Proportion of Content</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Credits</b>
Associate in Occupational Studies (60)	0	0
Associate in Arts (A.A.) (60)	3/4	45
Associate in Science (A.S.) (60)	1/2	30
Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) (60)	1/3	20
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (120)	3/4	90
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) (120)	1/2	60
All other undergraduate baccalaureate degrees (BBA, BE, BFA, BPS, BTech, etc.) (120)	1/4	30

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