

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO. 13-14

Date: August 21, 2013

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SUBJECT: New Associate of Liberal Studies Degree

Description:

The Associate of Liberal Studies Degree is intended to give students a broad background in liberal studies in preparation for further study or employment.

1. General Education Requirements for an Associate Degree at Washburn

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| MA 112/116 | Mathematics | 3 hours |
| EN 101 | Freshman Composition | 3 hours |
| WU 101 | Washburn Experience | 3 hours* |
| Gen Ed Social Sciences (minimum of 2 disciplines) | | 6 hours |
| Gen Ed Natural Sciences and Mathematics (min. 2 disc.) | | 6 hours |
| Gen Ed Arts and Humanities (min. of 2 disciplines) | | 6 hours |

2. Specific Additional Requirements: Choose Plan A or Plan B

Plan A

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| A focus of at least 12 hours in one CAS discipline | 12 hours** |
| (General education courses do not count towards the 12 hour total) | |

Plan B

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| 12 hours selected from the general education disciplines. | 12 hours** |
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3. Electives 23 hours***

Total: 62 hours minimum****

* Students transferring to Washburn University with at least 24 hours with a GPA of 2.0 or higher AND those who have completed 24 hours by Spring 2014 are exempt from the WU101 requirement.

**Minimum grade of C on all courses used to satisfy Plan A or Plan B.

***Minimum of 12 hours of electives must be taken outside the 12-hour discipline in Plan A or outside the primary 6-hour general education area in Plan B.

****Minimum of 24 hours from Washburn with 12 of the last 24 hours at Washburn; Minimum GPA of 2.0

Rationale:

The Associates of Liberal Studies degree provides another alternative for students who aspire to earn an associate's degree. The foundation for the ALS degree was initially developed in conversations between the Dean of CAS and the VPAA. The idea was next discussed by the BIS Committee, the College Faculty Council and the CAS chairs, eventually resulting in a formal proposal that was approved by the CFC on May 1, 2013 (with suggested changes). The ALS degree was approved by the CAS Faculty on May 8, 2013.

Financial Implications:

No anticipated new costs. May increase enrollment slightly as students may stay to complete the ALS degree who might have otherwise left Washburn without a degree.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall, 2014

Request for Action: Approval by AAC/FAC/FS/Gen Fac, etc

Approved by: AAC on date: **9/16/13**

FAC on date:

Faculty Senate on date: **10/28/13**

Attachments Yes No