

SMCC AA Liberal Studies to USM BA Art

The following Transfer Map highlights the Pathway that leads a student from an Associates in Liberal Studies at SMCC to a Bachelors of Art in Art at USM. The information is pulled from the Maine System’s transfer tool and the 2023-2024 academic course catalogs at SMCC and USM. The map will be updated each academic year if any changes are made to the course equivalencies listed here. Students following this map should monitor for updates.

The key directions:

- SMCC students should follow their Liberal Studies degree audit sheet.
- Every course on the audit sheet that is completed with a C- or better earns the same number of credits at USM—the equivalent USM courses and credits will later appear on your USM transcript.
- The SMCC Liberal Studies degree has 62 credits. Another 58 credits will be required at USM to earn the USM Psychology degree. The 58 USM credits will be a combination of Psychology major requirements and general electives.
- An SMCC student can begin satisfying USM Psychology requirements by taking the Psychology classes identified in **STEP 2** below as electives within the SMCC Liberal Studies major.
- An SMCC Liberal Studies degree waives the student’s academic Core requirements at USM.

STEP 1–The SMCC Coursework

Course at SMCC	SMCC Code	Course at USM	USM Code	Credits
English Composition	ENGL 100	College Writing	ENG 100	3
Introduction to Literature	ENGL 115	Reading Literature	ENG 140	3
Student Success	FIGS 100	General Elective	GEL 1XX	1
Math Elective		Every class and credit on the Liberal Studies audit sheet will transfer to USM as a USM class and credit—either as a required class for the Psychology major or as a general elective that helps achieve the required 120 credits total. These will be posted after acceptance at USM.		3
Science Elective				4
Art or Music Elective				3
Psychology/Sociology Elective				3
Economics/Political Science Elective				3
Humanities Elective				3
English Communications Elective				3
Diversity Elective				3
Ethical Reasoning Elective				3
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective				3
History Elective				3
Liberal Studies Electives				12
Free Electives				9
A student following this sequence would earn an Associates in Arts in Liberal Studies from SMCC and would have 62 transferable credits to USM.				62

The following chart details the 45 credits of Art requirements that would remain at USM for a student who has completed the above coursework. A student can satisfy at least 15 of these 45 credits at SMCC by completing them within the elective credits of the SMCC Liberal Studies degree.

USM CLASS	Credits	SMCC CLASS	Credits
Art Foundation–15 Credits			
ARH 111 - Art History: Prehistoric through Medieval	3	ARTH 145- Survey of Western Art History I	3
ARH 112 - Art History: Renaissance to the Present	3	ARHT 155- Survey of Western Art History II	3
ART 141 - Surface, Space, Time (2D)	3	ARTS 130- 2D Design	3
ART 142 - Surface, Space, Time (3D)	3	ARTS 140- 3D Design- Sculpture Studies	3
ART 151 - Fundamentals of Perceptual Drawing	3	ARTS 110- Drawing I	3
Art History Requirements			
3 ARH 300 or 400 level Art History courses	9	NA	
Studio Art Requirement–21 Credits–Choose 1 Concentration.			
Ceramics Concentration			
ART 231 - Introduction to Ceramics I	3	NA	
ART 232 - Introduction to Ceramics II	3	NA	
ART 332 - Intermediate Ceramics	3	NA	
ART 431 - Advanced Ceramics I	3	NA	
Two 200-level ART electives in two different studio disciplines and One 300-level ART elective	9	NA	
Photography and Digital Art & Design Concentration Requirements			
ART 222 - Digital Art & Design	3	CNMS 111	
ART 271 - Photography: Analog to Digital	3	NA	
ART 321 - Exploring Time-Based Art & Design	3	NA	
ART 372 - Digital Photography	3	NA	
ART 471 - Advanced Studio in Photography and Digital Art I	3	NA	
One 200-level ART elective/ One 300-level ART elective	6	NA	
Painting and Drawing Concentration Requirements			
ART 251 - Drawing: Media and Strategies	3	ARTS 210-Drawing II	
ART 261 - Introduction to Painting	3	ARTS 180- Introduction to Painting	
ART 352 - Experimental Drawing	3	NA	
ART 361 - Intermediate Drawing and Painting: The Figure	3	NA	
ART 461 - Advanced Drawing and Painting I	3	NA	
One 200-level ART elective/ ONE 300-level Art elective	6	NA	
Sculpture Concentration Requirements			
RT 291 - Sculpture: Additive and Subtractive Processes	3	NA	
ART 292 - Sculpture: Altered and Constructed Processes	3	NA	
ART 393 - Topics in Sculpture	3	NA	
ART 491 - Advanced Sculpture I	3	NA	
Two 200-level ART electives in two different studio disciplines and One 300-level ART elective	9	NA	
Total Art Credits required by USM	45	USM Art Credits Possible at SMCC	21
Art Credits to be earned at USM			24-45
General Elective Credits to be Earned at USM			13-34
Total Credits for the USM Art Degree			120

A student that completes at least 30 credits at SMCC, but did not earn an SMCC degree, may do a **Reverse Transfer** by sending credits earned at USM “back” to SMCC. The coursework listed here assumes a student has earned an AA in Liberal Studies, which waives the USM Core requirements.