

SMCC AA Liberal Studies to USM BA English

The following Transfer Map lists the courses that lead a student to an Associate in Liberal Studies at SMCC and then to Bachelor of Arts in English 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 requirements or 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 English degree. The 58 USM credits will be a combination of English major requirements and general electives.
- An SMCC student can begin satisfying USM English requirements by taking the English 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 English 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

STEP 2–The USM Coursework

The following chart details the 42 credits of English requirements that would remain at USM for a student who has completed the above coursework. A student can satisfy 15 of these 39 credits at SMCC by completing them within the elective credits of the SMCC Liberal Studies degree.

USM CLASS	Credits	SMCC CLASS	Credits
Courses in the major.			
ENG 245 - Introduction to Literary Studies	3	NA	
ENG 220 - World Masterpieces I	3	ENGL 255- World Literature I	3
ENG 305 - Rhetoric, Syntax, and Style	3	NA	
A 300-400 level Criticism Theory Class	3	NA	
A 300-400 level Writing Class	3	NA	
A 300-400 level Interdisciplinary and Cultural Studies Class	3	NA	
Four 300-400 level Historical Period Classes (The 1 below is available at SMCC)	12	NA	
ENG 328- The Modern Novel	3	ENGL 250- Twentieth Century Novel	3
Capstone Seminar	3	NA	
Electives (The 2 below are available at SMCC)	9		
ENG 201- Creative Writing	3	ENGL 200- Creative Writing	3
ENG 263- Fiction	3	ENGL 285- The Short Story	3
ENG 319- Studies in Genre and Form	3	ENGL 240- Varieties of Non-Fiction	
Total English Credits required by USM	42	USM English Credits Possible at SMCC	12
English Credits to be earned at USM			30-42
General Elective Credits to be Earned at USM			16-28
Total Credits for the USM English 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.