

LIBERAL STUDIES PATHWAY

SMCC AA LIBERAL STUDIES to USM BA SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

SMCC AA Liberal Studies to USM BA Social and Behavioral Sciences

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 Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) 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 SBS degree. The 58 USM credits will be a combination of SBS major requirements and general electives.
- An SMCC student can begin satisfying USM SBS requirements by taking the SBS 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 SBS 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 51 credits of Social and Behavioral Science requirements that would remain at USM for a student who has completed the above coursework. A student can satisfy 18 of these 51 credits at SMCC by completing them within the elective credits of the SMCC Liberal Studies degree.

USM CLASS	Credits	SMCC CLASS	Credits
SBS Prerequisites–required before SBS 300 level classes can be taken.			
SOC 100 - Introduction to Sociology	3	SOCI 100- Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 100- Introduction to Psychology	3
ANT 101 - Anthropology: The Cultural View	3	ANTH 105- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
SBS Required Classes			
SBS 210 - Me in 3D: Introduction to Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	NA	
LOS 120 - Statistics for Informed Decision Making	3	NA	
HRD 200 or SBS 200 - Multicultural Human Development	3	NA	
SBS 300 - Deviance and Social Control	3	NA	
LOS 329 or SBS 329 - Research Methods	3	NA	
SBS 370 - Toward a Global Ethics (writing instruction)	3	NA	
SBS 430 - Applied Social and Public Policy	3	NA	
SBS 447- Internship	3-6	NA	
SBS Electives			
6 SBS electives at 300 level	18		
SBS 301- Group Dynamics	3	BHHS 260- Group Process	3
SBS 345- Diversity: Many Voices	3	BHHS 145- Human Diversity	3
SBS 346- Introduction to Social Services	3	BHHS 100- Introduction to Human Services	3
SBS credits required at USM	51	SBS credits possible at SMCC	18
SBS credits required at USM			33-51
General elective credits required at USM			7-25
Total Credits for the USM Social and Behavioral Sciences 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.