

# ARTS & HUMANITIES



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*The A.A. in Arts & Humanities introduces students to a broad array of the arts and humanities and prepares students for transfer to a four-year college or university. Some students will choose an approved area of concentration, while others will explore the arts and humanities more generally.*

## Arts & Humanities A.A. Degree

Arts and humanities is the study of how human beings understand, express, and experience themselves and their culture. It includes language, literature, writing, art, theater, music, communications, digital media, and philosophy. Through the study of these disciplines, we learn how to think critically, independently, and imaginatively, how to understand the complexity of the world we live in and imagine a better one, and how to communicate effectively the variety of human experiences that define our individual and interconnected lives.

Faculty in the arts and humanities emphasize traditional and digital literacy related to the diverse human condition and experience, and provide hands-on learning in the classroom and film, music, and pottery studios. Students develop their talents through the guidance of experienced instructors who are practicing artists and professionals in their areas of specialization.

A student declares an A.A. in Arts & Humanities to explore a wide array of arts and humanities disciplines to help them identify a specific field of interest before they transfer. Students who transfer to a bachelor's degree program in the arts and humanities will have taken courses that are likely to relate to their chosen four-year major.

The A.A. in Arts & Humanities is also the preferred degree option for students who wish to transfer in a field where FCC does not currently offer a formal credential, including (but not limited to): Africana studies, Arabic studies, Asian studies, creative writing, film studies, media and communication studies, modern languages and linguistics, philosophy, religious studies, or Spanish language, literature, and cultures.

Students who have identified their preferred field can choose to specialize further in the following areas of concentration within the A.A. in Arts & Humanities:

- Art
- Communication
- English
- Film and Video Production
- Mass Communication
- Music
- Theater

The A.A. in Arts & Humanities is also an ideal degree for students interested in earning an A.A. degree alongside the American Sign Language Studies Certificate, or for preparing to enter the Sign Language Interpreter Preparatory Program.

View required course listings: [frederick.edu/arts-humanities](https://frederick.edu/arts-humanities)

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate understanding of major findings and ideas in art, communications, graphic design, film and video production, English, philosophy, languages, music, or theater.
- Students will effectively communicate (verbally, artistically, and in writing).
- Students will be prepared to enter transfer institutions in arts and humanities fields.
- Students will demonstrate critical and creative thinking skills in arts and humanities disciplines.

## Transfer Note

To find more information about how credits will transfer from Frederick Community College (FCC) to a state four-year institution, visit [artsys.usmd.edu](http://artsys.usmd.edu) or consult a College advisor.

FCC has articulation agreements with Stevenson University and Mount St. Mary's University, allowing students a seamless transfer experience. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

## Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for arts and design occupations was \$46,660 in 2018. Overall employment of arts and design occupations is projected to grow 3% from 2018 to 2028, slower than the average for all occupations.

The median annual wage for media and communication occupations was \$57,530 in 2018. Overall employment of media and communication occupations is projected to grow 4% from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook ([bls.gov/ooh](http://bls.gov/ooh))*

## Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.

## For more information:

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