

ADMISSION TO THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Students in the B.A. degree completion Program at Antioch University Los Angeles pursue a broad base of knowledge, skills, experience, and the intellectual flexibility to become critically informed participants in their professions and communities. The program fosters students' critical and analytical thinking ability as well as the ability to connect classroom learning to lived experience through dynamic experiential learning formats. In multiple ways the program cultivates students' commitment to personal responsibility, concern for the rights of others, and to the goal of achieving social justice in their communities and in our world. Students are admitted into the B.A. Program for the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters. Readmitted students may be accepted in any quarter, including Summer. For application deadlines, refer to the AULA website.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for admission, applicants must supply the following:

- Evidence of successful completion of at least 30 quarter units (20 semester units) of college-level learning from a regionally accredited institution of higher education as demonstrated on official transcripts. (See below section on transfer credits.) AULA may consider accepting transfer credits from academic institutions accredited by national accrediting bodies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and from foreign institutions approved by national ministries of education.
- Proof of high school graduation, G.E.D., or receipt of the A.A. degree.
- Evidence of college-level writing and communication ability, as demonstrated in the Admissions Dialogue essay.
- Evidence of readiness to complete the B.A. degree, as demonstrated in the Admissions Dialogue and previous academic record. The Admissions Dialogue is a three-to-four page essay in which applicants introduce themselves by addressing the following topics:
- Their decision to apply to the B.A. Program and complete their degree.
- Their choice of Area of Concentration and the rationale for that choice.
- Their experience with learning outside of the classroom.
- Their experience with community service B.A. Admissions 21

TRANSFER CREDITS

Calculating Transfer Credits

To convert transfer units to quarter units, the following formulas are used:

- # semester units x 1.5 = # quarter units *or*
- # trimester units x 1.5 = # quarter units.

Fractions are rounded down to the nearest half-unit. Credit for a particular course can be given only once. For example, if the same course was taken twice at two different academic institutions, Antioch University Los Angeles gives transfer credit for only one of the courses. However, when an academic institution's catalog specifically states that a given course may be taken more than once for credit, Antioch University Los Angeles will consider transferring all the credits earned. Antioch University Los Angeles accepts undergraduate transfer credit(s) for courses completed with a minimum letter grade of C- or Pass in a Pass-Fail system, if the Pass is equivalent to a minimum of a C-.

Approval Process for Transfer Credit

Transfer units are admitted for credit towards Antioch University Los Angeles degree requirements through a formal process carried out in the Office of the Registrar and by the faculty. Evaluations can be made only when official copies of all transcripts are present in the student's admission file. Antioch University Los Angeles may accept units on the basis of transcript information alone, or the student may be asked to provide further information -- such as a catalog course description(s) or course syllabus -- to determine whether the course(s) meets transfer credit

eligibility. A student who has questions about transfer credit evaluation may discuss the matter with the Office of the Registrar transcript evaluator.

B.A. Class Standing

It is important for students to be aware of their class standing for purposes of financial aid and verification of enrollment status. Class standing is determined by the number of units completed:

Class Standing Classification Completed Units

Freshperson 0-44.5 Sophomore 45-89.5 Junior 90-134.5 Senior 135 or more

Articulation Agreements

Antioch University Los Angeles has standing articulation agreements with Santa Monica College, the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, New York Film Institute, El Camino College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Los Angeles Valley College, Pasadena City College, West Los Angeles College, El Camino transfer of certain courses to meet the requirements of the B.A. Program. These agreements simplify how specific courses are accepted in transfer and can be used to fulfill Antioch University Los Angeles' B.A. Program domain requirements. The University will continue to develop articulation agreements with additional institutions in the future. The agreement with UCLA Extension specifies that Antioch University Los Angeles will automatically accept in transfer all UCLA Extension degree credit courses (courses numbered X, XL, or XLC 1-199) toward the Antioch University Los Angeles B.A. degree. Coursework numbered 1-99 is transferable as "lower division" quarter units; coursework numbered 100-199 is accepted as "upper division"; and coursework numbered 300-400 is evaluated on a course-by-course basis. Students seeking transfer credit for one or more of these courses may be asked to submit the course description and also a syllabus providing information on reading, requirements and assignments. The following UCLA Extension Substance Abuse courses are accepted by AULA for lower-division transfer credit: X428.1a, 2a, 3a, 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, and XL402.4. Current information about AULA's articulation agreements is available from the Office of the Registrar.