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## Liberal Arts



### Description

Are you interested in having freedom to focus your courses to meet your personal educational goals? If so, a Liberal Arts degree from College of Western Idaho (CWI) can give you flexibility in planning your academic future. Whether you are interested in an interdisciplinary degree or are planning to complete lower-division credits for a particular degree at a transfer institution, this program grants you the opportunity to build your degree plan. The Liberal Arts Associate of Arts degree calls for completion of the Idaho general-education requirements plus 26 credits from your chosen disciplines.

### Mission

The Liberal Arts associate degree prepares students to for successful transfer to a four-year institution with offerings in the core courses which most often serve as the foundation of a university education.

### What You Will Learn to Do

- Improve student writing and communication skills through analytical reading, discussion, and revision
- Encourage students to practice critical reading, thinking, and problem-solving skills
- Equip students with the skills, knowledge, and awareness needed to communicate effectively, make informed decisions, and contribute to the global community as lifelong learners
- Foster an invigorating and diverse learning community in which students improve skills in written and verbal communication, deepen and refine critical thinking, and articulate the nature and cultural value of literary studies through analysis
- Develop habits of mind, including showcasing a critical stance towards text, culture, and communication; rhetorical understanding of context, purpose, and audience; cultural and global

awareness; and interdisciplinary exploration of history, social science

## Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Degree Type:

AA

Length:

24 Months

Delivery Formats:

Traditional, Hybrid, Online, Degree Fully Online

## Important Dates for Credit Programs

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
<b>Registration Open</b>	April 14	November 10	April 13
<b>Financial Aid Priority Date</b>	July 14	December 1	May 11
<b>Admission Deadline</b>	August 8	December 22	May 15
<b>Tuition and Fees Due</b>	August 22	January 9	May 29
<b>Last Day to Register</b>	August 22	January 9	May 29
<b>Classes Begin</b>	August 25	January 12	June 1*

\*Some classes begin before this date. See [class schedule](#) [1] for more information.

Please refer to our [Important Dates](#) [2] for more information.

## Financial Aid Available

Did you know that as a student in this program you may be eligible for financial aid? Through grants, [scholarships](#) [3], and loans, more than 60 percent of first-time, full-time CWI students receive some form of financial assistance. To learn more about financial aid options and whether you may be eligible, visit [Financial Aid](#) [4].

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition for a full-time CWI student averages half the cost of a state university and a third of the cost of a private college. Tuition and fees vary based on program and residence. Visit [Tuition and Fees](#) [5] for more information.

## Advising

Navigating your way through college can be confusing, especially if you try to go it alone. CWI One Stop Student Services offers advising assistance, to help in deciding which courses you need to take to complete your educational goals. Visit [Advising](#) [6] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7] to schedule an appointment.

## Transfer

Look beyond your degree at CWI and plan for continuing your education by working closely with CWI advising and representatives of your intended transfer school. Planning before you transfer can save you time and money. Visit [Transfer Information](#) [8] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [7].

## Career Information

While receiving a Liberal Arts associate degree from CWI will improve your chances of finding satisfying employment compared to no college degree, it is recommended that most students receive a four-year degree to greatly improve career opportunities and monetary compensation. According to Idaho Department of Labor (<http://labor.idaho.gov/publications/educationpays.pdf> [9]), with an Associate of Arts, average hourly compensation is \$19.91 while a Bachelor of Arts has an average hourly compensation of \$26.49.

Most employers prefer candidates to hold a bachelor's degree. Your associate's in Liberal Arts will transfer to Boise State University, Idaho State University, and University of Idaho where you may finish upper division course-work toward this pursuit.

Professions

- Analyst
- Claims Adjuster
- Insurance Underwriter
- Paralegals

## Locations



### Nampa Campus Academic Building

5500 E. Opportunity Dr. Nampa, ID 83687



## Ada County Campus Pintail Center

1360 S. Eagle Flight Way, Boise, ID 83709



## Canyon County Center

2407 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651



## Nampa Campus Aspen Classroom Building

6002 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687



## Nampa Campus Multipurpose Building

6042 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687

### Program Contact

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- [8] <http://cwidaho.cc/node/2320>

[9] <http://labor.idaho.gov/publications/educationpays.pdf>