

*Division of Languages and Literature*  
**LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM EVALUATION**

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### **a. Program Goals:**

Upon successful completion of this degree program, students will be able to:

1. Enrich and deepen self-knowledge by exploring different academic experiences.
2. Articulate and understand their experiences through effective writing, reading, speaking, and various modes of artistic expression.
3. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge and basic skills appropriate to their personal and professional goals in their chosen area of specialization.

### **b. Program History**

The Associate of arts degree program in liberal arts was established in 1975 to enable students to transfer to a four-year college, university, or other institution. Other than the addition and establishment of more focused and area-specific liberal arts degrees such as the Liberal Arts/Media studies and the Liberal Arts/Education programs (adopted in 1997) or the Liberal Arts/H COP [Health Careers Opportunities Program], there have been no major changes to the structure of the Liberal Arts program in the past 10 years. The program learning outcomes (above) for the L.A. Degree program were adopted in Spring 2005.

### **c. Program Description**

c.1. Organization: The Liberal Arts program is currently loosely organized with the Chairperson of the Languages and Literature division being the responsible person for collection of SLO information and program implementation. All academic divisions at the National campus contribute to the Liberal Arts program.

c.2. Relationship to other programs in the system: The liberal Arts program is one of the two-year academic majors offered at the National campus of COM-FSM. Many of the courses in the Liberal Arts major program are either major courses for other majors or shared courses with other majors.

### **Program Admission Requirements**

All students accepted for admission into the college are eligible to enter/major in the Liberal Arts program.

### **d. Program Degree Requirements**

The Liberal Arts program as it currently stands consists of general education core requirements in English [9 credits], Natural Sciences [7 credits], Mathematics, Social Sciences, Computer Applications and Humanities [each 3 credits], and Exercise Sports Science [1 credit]. In addition to General Education core requirements, there are the Major requirements which include the following courses in: Speech Communication, Health Science, Introduction to Sociology, General Psychology; three credits each of an English and Humanities elective, six credits of any classes from either a Natural Science group or social science group of courses and nine

credits of open electives, totaling up to sixty-two credits required for an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts.

### **e. Program Courses and Enrollment**

Descriptions of the major courses that comprise the General Education core and the major requirements for the Liberal Arts major are as follows:

**EN 110 Advanced Reading:** Designed to improve students' critical reading and thinking skills, increase analytical, inferential and evaluative comprehension, expand vocabulary skills, and employ effective study strategies for use across academic disciplines.

**EN 120a Expository Writing I:** Designed to help students develop in expository writing by completing a minimum of five multi-draft essays of varying degrees of complexity. In these essays students develop topics in at least four of these five rhetorical patterns: example, comparison/contrast, classification, process analysis, and cause/ effect analysis. The students also write an argumentative essay that demonstrates familiarization with methods of research documentation.

**EN 120b Expository Writing II:** Provides an introduction to college-level research writing skill.. the student will investigate research topics in a variety of disciplines while enhancing their critical thinking and argumentative abilities.

**MS 100 [or above] College Algebra:** Identifies components of exponential expressions in polynomials with mathematical operations of exponential expressions; factoring of up to 4<sup>th</sup> degree polynomials; recognizing rational and irrational numbers with emphasis on the use of number lines, equation and inequality solving with application problems; introduction of literal equations; working with radical expressions; graphing of two variables on the xy plane; solving systems of equations in two or three variables;

Science Course with Laboratory:

Options include:

**AG 110 Crop Production w/Lab:**

**AG 140 Principles of Animal Science w/Lab**

**SC 117 Tropical Pacific Island Environment w/Lab**

**SC 120 Biology w/Lab**

**SC 122a Anatomy and Physiology I w/Lab**

**SC112b Anatomy and Physiology II w/Lab**

**SC 130 Physical Science w/Lab**

**SC 180 Microbiology w/Lab**

**SC 230 Introduction to Chemistry w/Lab**

**SC 240 Introduction to Physics w/Lab.**

**SC 250 General Botany w/Lab**

**SC 255 General Zoology w/Lab**

Non-lab science courses:

Options include:

**AG 101**

**SS 150 History of Micronesia:** Study of Micronesian History from Pre-history to the present.

**CA 100 Computer Literacy:** Introduction to computer concepts and applications

Exercise Sport Science Course

Options Include:

**ESS 101 Individual activities**

**ESS 101j Jogging**

**ESS 101r Resistance Training**

**ESS 101t Introduction to Tai Chi/Qi Gong**

**ESS 101w Walking for Health and Fitness**

**ESS 101y Introduction to Yoga**

**ESS 102(x) Group Team Activity**

**ESS 102b Fundamentals of Basketball**

**ESS 102s Fundamentals of Softball**

**ESS 102v Introduction to Volleyball**

**ESS 102 Snorkeling**

Humanities Courses

Options include:

**Ethical Thought and Moral Values**

**EN 208 Philosophy**

**EN 209 Introduction to Religion**

**Language:**

**FL 101 Japanese I**

**FL 102 Japanese II**

**ML10 Micronesian Language**

**FL/SS 107 Chinese Language and Culture**

**Arts:**

**AR 101 Introduction to Art**

**AR 105 Painting**

**EN 213 Island Style Theater**

**MM 110 Introduction to Photography and Video**

**MM 120 Film Studies**

**MM 205 Media Studies**

**MM 240 Computer Animation**

**MU 101 Introduction to Music**

**SS 195 Micronesian Cultural Study**

**Historical Analysis:**

- EN 210 Writing on 19<sup>th</sup> Century Pohnpei
- SS 170 World History I
- SS 171 World History II
- SS 240 East Asian History

**Literature:**

- EN 210 Introduction to Literature
- EN 202 Narrative Fiction
- EN 203 Drama
- EN 204 Poetry
- EN 205 Literature of the Sea
- EN 206 Mythology

**1.) Program Enrollment**

Program Courses	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	Summer 2008	Total
Total Enrollment				

**f. Program Faculty**

The program faculty consists of faculty members from each of the academic divisions of the college. The Liberal Arts program is taught by a unique mix of the college's existing faculty members as the program requirements consist of courses that come from each of the divisions. The Languages and Literature Division faculty, for the most part, act as advisors and teachers to the students who choose Liberal Arts as their major.

**h. Program Outcome Analysis: Health Indicators**

The following Health Indicators data has been collected to show the extent in which the Liberal Arts program has achieved its established outcomes. The main source for all data that has been collected has been retrieved from the IRPO office website unless specifically indicated otherwise.

## 2.) Graduation Outcome

Programs	Fall Semester, 2007		
	Enrollment	Graduates	Graduates %

Total			
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Programs	Spring Semester, 2008		
	Enrollment	Graduates	Graduates %

Total			
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## 3.) Average Class Size

Course Name	Overall Enrollment		Overall No. of Sections Offered		Overall Average Class Size	
	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	Fall 2007	Spring 2008	Fall 2007	Spring 2008

## 4.) Seat Cost (SY2007-08)

Division	Student seats	Credits	Obsolete cost data	Credits per seat	Seat cost
Languages and Literature					

**5.) Course Completion Rate (Pass/Fail)**

**Fall 2007**

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Course	Campus	A	B	C	D	F	W	Total	Pass (>=D)	Fail	Pass%	Fail%
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**Spring 2008**

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Course	Campus	A	B	C	D	F	W	Total	Pass (>=D)	Fail	Pass%	Fail%
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**6.) Students' Satisfaction Rate** {Data for this indicator will be provided by IRPO}

**7.) Employment data:**

As of this date, no data is available on the employment of students graduating from this program.

**8.) Transfer data**

**9.) Program's Student Learning Outcome Assessment**

**10.) Student Learning Outcomes from program courses**

**i.**

**a.) Discussion of Findings**

**b.) Recommendations**