

liberal studies degree completion program

Bring Life and Learning Together: Complete Your Bachelor's Degree at Purchase College

Do you have diverse interests and like working with new ideas?

Have you combined work and school, but not had time to finish your degree?

Isn't it time to have your education work for your future?

- For adults and transfer students
- Up to 90 transfer credits accepted
- Part-time or full-time
- Day, evening, weekend, hybrid, and online courses
- Affordable SUNY tuition with scholarship opportunities

The Liberal Studies B.A. Program is designed for adults and transfer students who need to complete their degree within a tight timeframe and who are looking for a flexible schedule. It is possible to earn a bachelor's degree in liberal studies through either part-time or full-time study. Courses are available during the day, evening, and weekend, and also in hybrid and online formats. The program accepts up to 90 transfer credits from accredited colleges and institutions to accelerate the process of achieving a bachelor's degree. The program concludes with the *Senior Capstone* course; students engage in intensive research and writing, synthesizing individual learning by completing a biography.

Do you live in Rockland County? See the next page for information on this Liberal Studies extension site.

Freedom of Choice

You can choose one of four Liberal Studies majors. Each major provides a breadth of learning and understanding in the liberal arts fields. The range of courses offered is what makes the B.A. in Liberal Studies an in-depth, comprehensive program.

LIBERAL STUDIES

This interdisciplinary major helps students to develop an appreciation of

the questions, issues, and perspectives underlying the liberal arts, to integrate knowledge across disciplines, and to be able to apply academic learning to life pursuits. Coursework is required in a variety of areas and includes a cross-section of the humanities (e.g., history, philosophy, writing), social sciences (e.g., anthropology, political science, sociology), natural sciences (e.g., math, science, psychology), and the arts (e.g., art history, studio art, music). The flexibility of the liberal studies degree allows students to choose advanced courses that best suit their needs and interests. *Also offered at the Rockland Community College extension site.*

LIBERAL STUDIES: ARTS

This major combines the liberal arts with visual and performing arts, allowing students to explore their talents and interests in art history, music, film, or other studio arts while studying with accomplished faculty. Within the framework of the Liberal Studies Program, students can choose from a variety of history, production, and studio courses.

LIBERAL STUDIES: COMMUNICATIONS/MEDIA STUDIES

This major helps students to gain a greater understanding of current politics and social structures through close examination of the centrality of the media in today's global society. Courses cover historical, sociological, and psychological analyses of media, including film, television, print, and emerging technologies. *Also offered at the Rockland Community College extension site.*

LIBERAL STUDIES: LEGAL STUDIES

By examining the social, political, and historical processes of law, students learn the ethical functions of the legal system and its implementation in society. Required core and elective coursework examines law through the lenses of sociology and political science, enabling students to appreciate the role of the judicial system within the broader social context. *Also offered at the Rockland Community College extension site.*

Satisfaction and Success

Liberal Studies alumni move into such fields as business, education, public service, social and human services, health sciences, advertising, and customer service. They work for corporations, businesses, civil services, and nonprofits, including JP Morgan Chase, Starwood Hotels and Resorts WorldWide, Time Warner, MTV, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the Youth Federation for World Peace, to name a few.

Many Liberal Studies graduates also continue their education in a variety of postbaccalaureate programs and at prestigious graduate, law, and business schools, including City College of New York, Columbia University, Long Island University, Pace University, and St. John's University, among others.

Take the First Step Today!

For more information and to set up an advising appointment, contact us today!

School of Liberal Studies & Continuing Education

Tel. (914) 251-6500

E-mail conted@purchase.edu

Office Music Building, Suite 0089

Adult Student Information Sessions

Learn about our adult degree completion programs, courses for visiting students, and credit-bearing professional certificate programs. Our flexible schedules and learning formats are especially helpful for students who need evening, weekend, hybrid, online, and part-time study.

When **Wed., Aug. 17, 2011**

Tues., Oct. 18, 2011

Presentations begin at 6:00 p.m.

Where School of Liberal Studies & Continuing Education
Music Building, Room 0089A

RSVP **(914) 251-6500** or
www.purchase.edu/liberalstudiesRSVP

**PURCHASE COLLEGE
EXTENSION SITE AT ROCKLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

For students who have earned an associate's degree (and others who have the equivalent number of credits) and are interested in pursuing a Liberal Studies degree, Purchase College hosts an extension site at Rockland Community College in Suffern—giving students the opportunity to work toward a degree in a setting closer to home or work.

To find out more, visit us online at www.purchase.edu/ce/rcc or call us at (845) 574-4744.

B.A. Degrees Offered:

- Liberal Studies
- Liberal Studies:
Communications/Media Studies
- Liberal Studies: Legal Studies

Information Session

When: **Wed., Oct. 19, 2011**
Presentation begins at
5:30 p.m.

Where: Rockland Community
College
145 College Road
Suffern, NY
Room to be announced

Fall 2011

Advising and Registration Events

When: **Tues., Aug. 16, 2011**
Wed., Aug. 24, 2011
Advising is 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Where: Rockland Community
College
145 College Road
Suffern, NY 10901
Academic I & II Bridge

To RSVP for the above events or to schedule an advising appointment, contact us at **(845) 574-4744** or rockland@purchase.edu.

Scholarships for Adult Hispanic* Students

Through a generous grant, Purchase College Continuing Education Professional Programs is pleased to offer scholarships to fully fund two adult Hispanic* students to enroll in our **Social Media Marketing Certificate Program** (p. 17).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & APPLICATION INFORMATION

Age: Minimum 22 years old

Ethnicity: Hispanic origin

Income: Financial need (submit copy of tax return), unemployed or underemployed

Education: Minimum high school diploma or GED (proof required)

Computer Literacy: Ability to work online

Commitment: Complete the program during the Fall 2011, Spring 2012, and/or Summer 2012 semesters

Essay: 500 words describing your interest in this program and your plans upon completion

References: Two from supervisors and/or teachers, and one from a revered member of your community

Application Due: Aug. 12, 2011 (incomplete applications will not be considered)

Send Application to: Kelly Jackson, Director of Continuing Education,
Purchase College, SUNY, 735 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase NY 10577

Scholarship Value = approx. \$2,600 (includes the following costs listed in our catalog: registration fee, course tuitions, More Card, parking permits)

**Ethnic criteria determined by our donor*

**FINANCIAL AID FOR LIBERAL
STUDIES DEGREE STUDENTS**

You are encouraged to apply for financial aid and may be eligible for TAP awards, Pell Grants, and student loans as a full-time or part-time Liberal Studies student. Part-time Liberal Studies students may also be eligible for a New York State Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS) award:

- Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the required federal application.
- The Federal School Code for Purchase College is **006791**.
- The recommended filing deadline is **February 1**.

For more information on financial aid programs, call or visit Student Financial Services, (914) 251-7000, www.purchase.edu/financialservices.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LIBERAL
STUDIES DEGREE STUDENTS**

Purchase College Scholarships

Each year, the School of Liberal Studies & Continuing Education awards scholarships to a selection of students, depending upon funding availability, who meet the following criteria:

1. Have completed at least 12 Purchase College credits

2. Have completed at least 60 total credits (transfer and Purchase College)
3. Have a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA at Purchase College
4. Demonstrate financial need as indicated by your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Scholarships are not guaranteed and are subject to change each year. An additional requirement of all Purchase College students receiving scholarships is the completion of the FAFSA. The FAFSA must be filed by **March 1** of each academic year to determine eligibility for these awards.

Private Scholarship Sources

Students often overlook the opportunity to receive private scholarships as a source of financial assistance. These may range from private foundations to employer matching funds. For information on researching private scholarships, call or visit Student Financial Services, (914) 251-7000, www.purchase.edu/financialservices.

For information on the **Lifetime Learning Tax Credit** and **Veterans Benefits**, see page 31.