

# English Focus

## Associate in Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA)

Courses in composition, creative writing and literature teach essential skills for clear written communication and provide insight into past and present cultures across the world. Prepare for transfer to a bachelor's degree program leading to possible careers in professional writing, journalism, teaching and related fields.

For a roadmap that identifies the preferred sequencing of courses and other specific recommendations from faculty, please see the corresponding program map(s):

- [English Focus Associate in Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement \(AA-DTA\) \(lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/arts/AADTA-English\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/arts/AADTA-English)

## Degree Requirements

**Total credits required to earn this degree:** 90 in courses numbered 100 or above with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0. A course cannot be credited toward more than one distribution or skill area.

LCC students must meet distribution requirements for bachelor degrees, associate degrees, and specific certificates. See [Diversity and Distribution Lists \(lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists/\)](https://lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/distribution-lists/) for more information.

## General Education Requirements

- **Communications:**

15 credits: ENGL& 101 English Composition I **AND** (ENGL& 102 Composition II **OR** ENGL& 235 Technical Writing) **AND** (CMST& 220 Public Speaking **OR** CMST& 230 Small Group Communication).

- **Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Skills:**

5 credits – MATH& 107 or higher (excluding MATH& 131).

- **Humanities:**

15 credits – Selected from at least two disciplines on the *Distribution List*. No more than 5 credits in foreign language at the 100 level, no more than 10 credits from any one discipline. No more than 5 credits in performance/skills courses are allowed.

- **Natural Sciences:**

15 credits – Selected from at least two disciplines on the *Distribution List*; must include 5 credits of lab courses. At least 10 credits in physical, biological and/or earth sciences. No more than 5 credits from Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering. Courses used to satisfy this requirement may not be used to satisfy the Quantitative Skills requirement.

- **Social Sciences:**

15 credits – Selected from at least two disciplines on the *Distribution List*. No more than 10 credits from any one discipline.

- **Diversity:**

5 credits – From the *Diversity Course List*. Courses that meet this requirement may also be used toward other graduation requirements. Diversity courses are listed in the quarterly schedule and identified by 'DIV' attached to the course title. Example: SOC& 101 – Introduction to Sociology:DIV.

- **Electives:**

25 credits - See advisor for approved list of electives. No more than 15 credits may be taken from the Restricted Course List.

## Recommended Electives

Course Code	Course Title	Number of Credits
ENGL& 111	Intro to Literature	5
ENGL 233	Creative Writing	5
ENGL& 236	Creative Writing I	5
ENGL& 237	Creative Writing II	5
ENGL 245	Contemporary Literature:DIV	5

## AA-DTA Outcomes

Upon the completion of the AA DTA, students will be prepared for transfer to a four-year institution for their intended career pathway, and have the following skills and abilities:

### Global Skills (assessed at degree level):

- **Communication:** Express ideas and information in writing and speaking in a manner that is clear and appropriate to the audience, and read and listen effectively.
- **Critical Thinking:** Apply objective, valid methods of inquiry and problem-solving to draw rational, ethical, and coherent conclusions.
- **Quantitative Literacy:** Reason and solve quantitative problems from a wide array of authentic contexts and everyday life situations.
- **Teamwork:** Facilitate a team's ability to achieve a desired goal or outcome.

### General education outcomes (assessed at course level):

- **Diversity:** Examine the causes and expressions of difference, power, and discrimination.
- **Humanities:** Explore how people process, document, and express their social and cultural experience.
- **Social Science:** Examine society, behavior, and relationships among individuals within a society.
- **Natural Science:** Develop familiarity with various aspects of the physical world and scientific explanations of observed phenomena.

### Area of study outcomes:

- Students will be able to write an academic essay supporting a central assertion with appropriate evidence drawn from their own research.
- Students will develop an individual voice through a writing and editing process that involves the conscious consideration of critical audience responses.

- Students in literature courses will demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental characteristics of literature, such as plot and setting.
- Students will analyze literature from a variety of perspectives.
- Students of foreign language will be able to communicate in writing and in speech in the target language, and will demonstrate an awareness of the interaction between English-speaking culture and the cultures of the target language.

## Notes

### Revised November 2024 (effective Summer 2025)

Program planning is based on information available at the time of preparation. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their LCC advisor *and* with an advisor at the college to which they plan to transfer for specific requirements. Consult the LCC catalog for LCC graduation requirements.

Most four-year universities require one year of a single foreign language as a graduation requirement.