



# Seneca College's Liberal Arts program: a partnership model for Ontario

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# Seneca

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# Establishment of Ontario Colleges

- There was “no need” for [‘transfer’ or ‘college parallel’] courses in Ontario at the present time”.
- “we must create a new kind of institution that will provide, in the interests of student for whom a university course is unsuitable, a type of training which universities are not designed to offer”

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# York University – Seneca Transfer Arrangement

Students who complete the York University – Liberal Arts joint program receive the equivalent of 7 full courses as block credits

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# Liberal Arts Students

**Open admissions policy** – OSSD and 4ENG(U/C) or mature student (19 years or older)

**40%** of students qualify for articulation with one of our university partners after completing first two semesters with 3.0 G.P.A. or better

**59%** of LAT graduates transfer to university

This includes:

- articulation students (receive negotiated transfer credit)
- non-articulation students (graduate with 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. or better)
  - \*typically receive 1 year transfer credit

# LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM CURRICULUM

## SEMESTER 1

**HUM 100 – 4 hrs**  
Humanities I

**PSY 191 – 4 hrs**  
Foundations of  
Psychology I

**YKC 100 \*\* 3hrs**  
Critical Thinking I

**ICA 001 – 2 hrs**  
Intro. to Computers  
And Applications

**MTH\_\_\_\_\_ \* 4  
hrs**  
Mathematics

**EAC 150 – 3 hrs**  
College English

## SEMESTER 2

**HUM 200 – 4 hrs**  
Humanities II

**PSY 291 – 3 hrs**  
Foundations of  
Psychology II

**YKC 200 \*\* 4 hrs**  
Critical Thinking II

**Language – 3hrs**  
French or Spanish

**ARW 250 – 3 hrs**  
Academic Research  
And Writing

**SOC 122 – 3 hrs**  
Intro. to Social  
Sciences

## SEMESTER 3

**HUM 301 – 4 hrs**  
Humanities III

**YKL 100\*\* 3 hrs**  
Intro. to World  
Literature

**HUM389 – 3hrs**  
European Art and  
Culture

**Language – 3 hrs**  
French or Spanish II

**ARW 350 – 3 hrs**  
Academic Research  
and Writing II

**York / UofT/Trent  
Course**

## SEMESTER 4

**HUM 400 – 4 hrs**  
Humanities IV

**YKL 200\*\* 3hrs**  
Intro. to World  
Literature II

**CAN 604 – 3hrs**  
A Social History  
of Canada

**HUM 418– 3 hrs**  
Topics in Modern  
Society

**York / UofT/Trent  
Course**

**General Education**

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# Degree Partnership

# Sequence

Year One



Summer



UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO

Year Two



Summer



UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO

Year Three and Four



UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO

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# Partnership Model – Key Features

- Core curriculum – integration of disciplines
- Faculty qualifications – teaching within disciplines
- Guaranteed transfer credit for student
- Receiving university has documented success
- Facilitated transfer – student support
- Track students and share data

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# Partnership Model – Key Features

- Separate spheres of control for the University of Toronto and Seneca College
- Process for admission decision making
- Regular meetings between institutions to sort out operational issues

# University of Toronto – Seneca Credit Arrangement

## Seneca Courses

## Arts and Science

FLS100 + FLS200 French or SPN100 + SPN200 Spanish	FSL1**Y  SPA1**Y
YKC100 + YKC200 Critical Thinking	PHL100Y1
YKL100 + YKL200 Intro to World Lit	JEF1**Y
SCL 191 + SCL 291 Intro Sociology	SOC 102 + SOC 103
HUM301 + HUM400 Western Thought	HUM2**Y1
HUM389 European Art and Culture	FAH2**H
CAN604 Social History of Canada	UNI2**H1



**Total**

**6.0 full course equivalents**

**Seneca**

# Courses enrolled – U of T

- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Political Science
- History
- Literature
- Psychology
- Biology
- Philosophy
- Astronomy
- Religious Studies
- Geography
- East Asian Studies

50 students

82 courses

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# University of Toronto / Seneca pilot program results

*Cumulative average grade based on these course registrations – 70%*

# Student paths

- 11 came from another Seneca College program
- Only 9 of 50 had the grades or credential to enter university directly
- 7 had previously attended university, 2 had the grades from secondary school

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# Age at start of program

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# Student Type

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# First Language Learned

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# First Generation any Post- secondary

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# First Generation attending University

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