



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

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Seneca

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”

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

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

Degree Partnership

Sequence

Year One



Summer



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Year Two



Summer



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Year Three and Four



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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

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

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

Age at start of program

Student Type

First Language Learned

First Generation any Post-secondary

First Generation attending University

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