



Liberal Arts General Education

Four Hallmarks of the Liberal Arts

The four essential characteristics of a liberal arts education are as follows:

- Critical Thinking
- Lifelong Learning
- Intellectual Curiosity
- Free exchange of Ideas



A Student of the Liberal Arts:

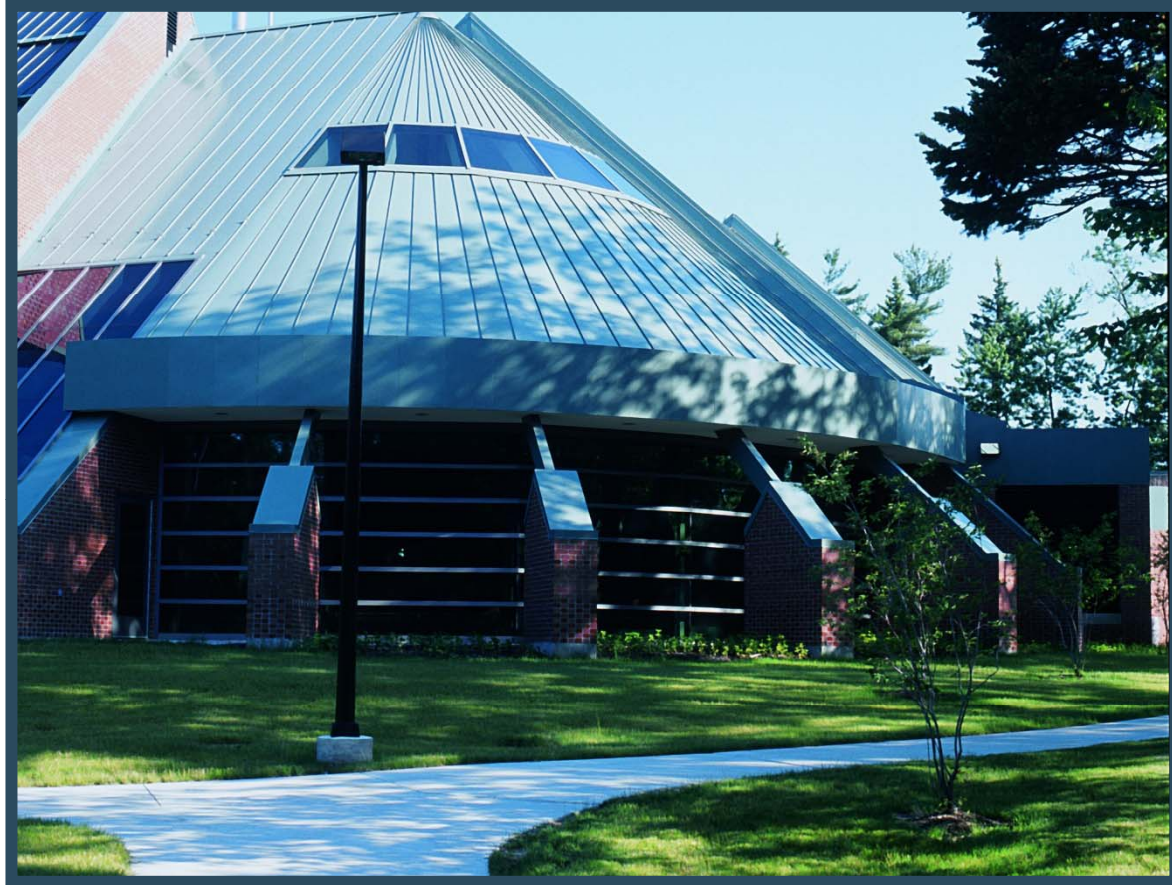
Much education today is monumentally ineffective.

All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants. —

-John Gardner

- Is well-versed in many disciplines.
- Grows personally as well as intellectually.
- Understands many aspects of human expression.
- Approaches problem solving from several perspectives.

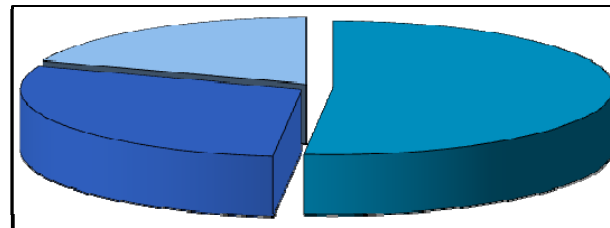




Aquinas College: Bachelor's Degree

Minimum of 124 Credits

Three Components of the Liberal Arts:



A truly great intellect . . . is one which takes a connected view of old and new, past and present, far and near, and which has an insight into the influence of all these one on another; without which there is no whole, and no centre.--

John Henry Newman

- General Education
- Major Area of Study
- Electives

General Knowledge Enhances Creativity



- *Sudden realizations----strokes of genius----solutions seemingly out of nowhere----are almost always the product of the mind working unconsciously on a problem and using materials stored up through long study and conscious thought.*
- *The greater the storehouse of your knowledge, and the wider its range, the more creative you will be.*
 - excerpts from Robert Harris *On the Purpose of a Liberal Arts education*

General Education Requirements:



- English
- Mathematics
- Theology
- Foreign Language
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- History / Philosophy
- Natural Sciences
- Artistic & Creative Studies
- Career Development
- Health / Physical Education
- Technology