

## New Liberal Arts Degree Program May be Coming to Mont Alto in Near Future

Mont Alto is looking into establishing a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Liberal Arts as part of the campus's ten-year master plan. According to the master plan, the campus is considering the degree as a way "to help accommodate our growing adult and non-traditional student population."

A 2004 study by the former Commonwealth College (now University College) noted that Liberal Arts was the second most popular college among

former Mont Alto students, behind the College of Health and Human Development. The degree, which allows students to work with appropriate faculty to customize a program that satisfies their educational goals, offers four options: Humanities, Liberal Studies, Science and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Science.

The Mont Alto campus is only considering the Liberal Studies option at this time. The Liberal Arts Liberal Studies Option requires four core

requirements in research methods, critical analysis, communication skills, and theory and application in addition to the established general education and bachelor's requirements. Particular courses for each of these requirements may vary from student to student.

An additional twenty-four credits across three disciplines with at least fifteen credits completed at the 400 level are also required. These courses are determined by the student and

appropriate faculty and allow for flexibility and customization in program design.

Review of the program is in its early stages. An exploratory committee has been established by Dr. Achampong, the Director of Academic Affairs, to analyze the feasibility of the program based on existing faculty and course offerings. Dr. Boon, who chairs the committee, says "early indications are positive. It appears we have the faculty

and, for the most part, already offer sufficient courses for the degree to become a viable option for students on campus."

Boon, however, cautions against hasty conclusions, pointing out that the campus looked into establishing the program several years ago and that there are always

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FYS- Library Research Every Tuesday 7 p.m. Every Thursday 2 p.m.	FYS-Stress Mgmt, Mon. 3, GS 108, 2p.m. FYS-Campus Involvement, Wed. 5, GS 110, 2p.m. FYS-Advising, Wed. 12, GS 110, 2p.m. FYS-Brainstorming, Mon. 17, GS 110, 2 p.m.		FYS-A healthy mind body, Tues. 18, MAC 122, 2p.m. FYS-Rate your plate, Wed. 19, Sci/Tech 204, 2p.m. FYS-Computer Security, Mon. 24, GS 108, 2p.m. FYS- Registration/Finances, Wed. 26, GS 110, 2p.m. FYS-MLA/APA, Mon. 31, GS 110, 2p.m.			ALL U-DAY! PSU VS MINNESOTA
2 Trip to "Terror Behind the Walls" Philadelphia, Pa. Sign Up- Kathy Swape \$5	3 Fashion Club Night Board Games WSC, 8 p.m.	4 Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., MPR Karaoke 9p.m. WSC	5 Alternative Spring Break Club Meeting 8:30 p.m. WSC	6 MAH Cribs, 8:30 p.m., WSC  Women's V-ball	Camp Movie Night "Batman Begins" 9:15 p.m. AUD.	8 Divercity Conference Late Night Movie "Batman Begins" 9:15 p.m., AUD
9 FREE COOKIES! Fall Cookies Decorating 9p.m. WSC Sponsored Camp	10 Bar Night Sponsored by ASB 9 p.m. WSC	11 AOL Tuesday Tiny Glover 8:30 p.m. WSC	12 Coffeehouse "Pieces of East" 8:30 p.m., WSC	13 Bowling, 9:30p.m.-12a.m.  Van Leaves for Hgb Train Station	14 Fall Break STUDY DAY! No Classes	15 Wal-Mart Trips Beginning @Noon Leave from MAC Free Pool Night MAH, 8p.m.
16 Gender Night 8p.m. WSC	17 Resume Workshop 7 p.m. WSC  Pumpkin Printing! Day & Night Noon, MAC, 8p.m. WSC	18 DC. Trip to Women in the Arts Museum Sign up Kathy Swape	19 Halloween Dance 9p.m.- 1a.m. D.J. Z-One	20 LateNite Bingo 10 p.m. WSC	21 Surprise?? Mall Shopping Trip Sign-up in Campus Life	22 Pottery Fun "Make your own Pottery" T.B.A.
23 "Don't Assume Just Ask" WSC, 8:30 p.m.	24 Game Night 8:30 p.m. WSC	25 Worship Service Every Sun. 7:15 p.m. In the Chapel	26 TRIP TO DAIRY FARM T.B.A. Free Pool Night	27 Fright Night Movies AUD.		
28 Witch						