HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES ACADEMY
THINKERS, DREAMERS, AND DOERS
Academies

At MassBay, we have more than 70 degree and certificate programs, which is a lot to choose from. To make your choice easier, we have grouped all of our programs into seven “Academies,” each of which represents a broad area of study. When you choose a program, you also will be a member of an Academy. Think of your Academy as a community of professors and students who share your interests and goals.
The Academy Advantage

The opportunity to explore many certificate or degree programs to create your best future

Allows you to focus your efforts and time

Membership in a community of learners where students and faculty support one another

A dedicated advisor who will help you develop a plan to achieve your goals and guide you along the way

MassBay Quick Facts:

25% of MassBay students transfer to four-year universities to continue their education

MassBay has more than 4,500 full- and part-time students

More than 70 associate and certificate programs offered through seven Academies

Small class sizes, averaging 17 students per class

Twenty student clubs, seven athletic teams, and multiple opportunities for leadership

Half of MassBay students receive financial aid
EXPLORE
Humanities & Social Sciences
Is the Humanities & Social Sciences Academy a good choice for you? Consider these questions:

- Do you enjoy learning about other people and why they act, dress, and live like they do?
- Do you like to discuss ideas and explore different points of view?
- Do you think carefully about issues, sometimes even doing your own research, so you can make a thoughtful, informed decision?
- Are you interested in social justice and human rights issues?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, read on to learn more about our popular associate degree options!
Studying the Humanities and Social Sciences builds critical thinking and communication skills that are highly valued by employers.

Studies show that employers are looking for candidates who can think critically and creatively, analyze problems and research solutions, and who have strong oral and written communication skills.

In fact, in a national survey of employers, 93% said these skills were more important than a candidate’s major. MassBay’s Humanities and Social Sciences Academy offers five associate degree programs that will help you build these skills and prepare you for immediate employment in a wide variety of fields, or for seamless transfer to the four-year college of your choice.
Humanities & Social Sciences Academy

Associate Degree Options

Associate degree programs can be completed in two years of full-time study and will prepare you to enter a four-year college in your junior year.

These programs qualify for the MassTransfer compact, so you can seamlessly transfer credits to select University of Massachusetts and state universities.

General Studies

An ideal way to explore a variety of academic areas, this program includes courses in world languages, history, social science, and communication. It also includes a career/life-planning course, and many elective course options allow you to create a degree plan that matches your interests.

Liberal Arts

This program is the equivalent of the “core courses” that most four-year colleges and universities require freshmen and sophomore students to complete to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. You’ll study arts, literature, history, psychology, social sciences, science, and mathematics. Upon completion you will be well-prepared to transfer to the four-year college of your choice, or have writing, speaking, and critical problem-solving skills valued by today’s employers.

Communication

This program builds the interpersonal communication skills and business knowledge requisite for most entry-level positions in the communication field. The curriculum includes multiple elective courses that enable you to customize the degree to meet your interests and needs.

English

A great choice if you wish to pursue a degree or career that requires strong writing and communication skills such as teaching, publishing, marketing, or research. Coursework in this program will help you master many different forms of writing including academic, creative, professional, and digital/multi-modal.

Psychology/Sociology

If you are interested in pursuing a career or bachelor’s degree in the social or behavioral sciences, this program will provide a solid foundation. Multiple elective courses also give you the flexibility to shape your degree to match your personal or professional interests.
“I have really appreciated, and benefitted from, the advising and guidance MassBay provides. As a General Studies student, I also found the Career Planning course to be very helpful for interviewing tips, researching jobs, understanding salary levels, and the corresponding education required.”

- Abby Sippel, General Studies AA, 2019
Recent Humanities & Social Sciences Academy graduates have gone on to excel at four-year universities including:

- Bentley University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bridgewater State University
- Emerson College
- Emmanuel College
- Framingham State University
- Massachusetts College of Art
- Northeastern University
- Suffolk University
- UMass Amherst
- UMass Boston
- UMass Lowell
- Wellesley College
“Our small class sizes really have a positive impact on student success. Our faculty are able to provide each student with more individualized attention. This is like having advisors embedded in every class. Students can identify the right academic path more quickly, which leads to better outcomes and higher levels of student satisfaction.”

- Nina Keery,
Interim Dean of Humanities & Social Sciences
MassBay is the springboard to success for thousands of students each year thanks to:

- Top-notch teaching
- Opportunities beyond the classroom
- Affordability and flexibility
- Exceptional job placement rates
- Seamless transfer to four-year colleges

For more information visit: massbay.edu/human-social
IMPORTANT MASSBAY RESOURCES

Academic Achievement Center (AAC)
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Admissions Office
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Wellesley Hills: 781-239-2500
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Disability Resources
aac@massbay.edu
Wellesley Hills: 781-239-2234
Framingham: 508-270-4267

Financial Aid Office
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Wellesley Hills: 781-239-2600
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Office of the Registrar
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Placement Testing
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Student Accounts Office
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Student Development
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Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR)
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All campuses: 781-239-3142
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