The associate in liberal studies (A.L.S.) degree is a non-specialized degree that is tailored to meet the needs and interests of the individual student. Both transfer and career education courses may be used to fulfill the requirements for this alternate degree program. The A.L.S. degree is designed for the student who may not want to work toward the more traditional specialized degrees. While not intended to be a transfer degree, the A.L.S. degree is designed to enable the student to articulate with the Board of Trustee's baccalaureate degree program and the bachelor of liberal studies degree program at participating Illinois universities. (Sauk's articulation agreements with Illinois universities do not apply to the associate in liberal studies.)

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