Liberal Arts Studies, B.A.

The 120 credit hour Liberal Arts Studies degree is a multidisciplinary offering in the liberal arts with concentration choices in three areas: humanities, behavioral & social sciences, and natural sciences. The major is specifically designed for those students who have an interest in several disciplines and a desire to articulate as well as demonstrate the value of a broad liberal arts education.

A degree in Liberal Arts Studies offers you a broad perspective on life. No matter what pathway you take, some things are certain in the world: you will encounter challenges. You will deal with people who see the world differently than you do. You will see a need and want to fix it.

Liberal Arts Studies gives you the tools to successfully make a difference in the world. You'll expand your creativity. You'll learn excellent communication skills in multiple modalities. You'll enlarge your understanding of the natural world and the human condition. By studying multiple ways of thinking and knowing, you'll gain the skills to address challenges from a variety of perspectives, to synthesize ideas, and to bring people together in consensus.

The modern world is multi-faceted: your education should be, too.

Core Curriculum: 38 - 51 credit hours

Please review the Core Curriculum page for course options.

Liberal Arts Foundation Courses (15 - 16 credit hours)

The candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts Studies must complete the foundational courses and choose at least one concentration in the major. **Courses that were used to meet the Liberal Arts core requirements and the Core Designations cannot be used to meet degree requirements listed below in the foundations or concentrations.**

The Foundation courses are as follows:

Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
Behavioral or Social Science Course at the 100-200 Level (3)			
• Humanities Course at the 100-200 Level (3)			
Natural Science Course at the 100-200 Level (3-4)			
LA 101 - Liberal Arts Foundations (3)			
LA 499 - Seminar in Liberal Arts Studies (3)			
Liberal Arts Studies Concentrations			
Students will choose one of the following concentrations to complete their Liberal Arts Studies degree.			
Behavioral & Social Sciences Concentration (15 credit hours)			
Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
Choose Two of the Following:			
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CO 212 - Conflict Resolution (3)			
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CO 212 - Conflict Resolution (3) CO 225 - Mass Media & Society (3) PY 101 - General Psychology (3) PY 208 - Lifespan Development (3)			
CO 212 - Conflict Resolution (3) CO 225 - Mass Media & Society (3) PY 101 - General Psychology (3) PY 208 - Lifespan Development (3) PY 210 - Abnormal Psychology (3)			
CO 212 - Conflict Resolution (3) CO 225 - Mass Media & Society (3) PY 101 - General Psychology (3) PY 208 - Lifespan Development (3) PY 210 - Abnormal Psychology (3) PY 216 - Social Psychology (3) SO 101 - Introduction to Sociology (3)			
CO 212 - Conflict Resolution (3) CO 225 - Mass Media & Society (3) PY 101 - General Psychology (3) PY 208 - Lifespan Development (3) PY 210 - Abnormal Psychology (3) PY 216 - Social Psychology (3)			
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Choose Three of the Following:			
CO 321 - Leadership (3)			
CO 331 - Public Relations Concepts (3)			
PY 371 - Cognitive Psychology (3)			
PY 380 - Special Topics in Psychology (1-3)			
Humanities Concentration (15 credit hours)			
Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
Choose Two of the Following:			
AR 110 - Exploration of the Visual Arts (3)			
AR 183 - Survey Art II: From the Renaissance to Modernism (3)			
CO 213 - Strategic Presentation in the Digital Environment (3)			
EN 275 - Gender & Literature (3)			
EN 278 - Global Literature (3)			
MU 121 - Music: Fingerprints of Culture (3)			1
PL 111 - Introduction to Philosophy (3)			1
RS 111 - Religion & Popular Culture (3)			
TR 223 - History and Literature of the Theatre I (3)			
Choose Three of the Following:			
CO 321 - Leadership (3)			
CO 331 - Public Relations Concepts (3)			
Any EN prefix course 300 level or above (3)			
• Any HI prefix course 300 level or above (3)			
MU 384 - Music History II (3)			
 Any PL prefix course 300 level or above (3) Any RS prefix course 300 level or above (3) 			
TR 314 - Puppetry (3)			
TR 324 - History & Literature of the Theatre II (3)			
Natural Science Concentration (15 - 26 credit hours) Choose any combination of courses from the list below, with at least 9 credit hours at the 300 or 400 lev			
Course Name	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
Choose Two of the Following:			
BI 111 - General Biology: Cells & Genes (4)			-
BI 112 - General Biology: Ecology & Evolution (4)			_
BI 115 - Humans & the Environment (4)			_
BI 152 - General Microbiology (4)			
BI 214 - Organismal Biology (4)			
BI 220 - Human Anatomy & Physiology (6-8)			
BI 293 - Biology Research Practicum (1)			
CH 131 - Principles of Chemistry (4)			
CH 135 - General Chemistry I (4)			
CH 137 - General Chemistry II (4)			
CH 216 - Organic Chemistry I (5)			
CH 217 - Organic Chemistry II (5)			

CH 293 - Chemistry Research Practicum (1)		
MA 125 - Precalculus (5)		
MA 155 - Elementary Probability & Statistics (3)		
MA 230 - Discrete Mathematics (3)		
MA 241 - Calculus & Analytic Geometry I (5)		
MA 242 - Calculus & Analytic Geometry II (4)		
NS 221 - Physical Geology (4)		
NS 231 - Descriptive Meteorology (4)		
PH 117 - Physics Concepts (4)		
PH 231 - General Physics I (5)		
PH 232 - General Physics II (5)		
Choose Three of the Following:		
BI 310 - Evolution (3)		
BI 313 - Plant Form & Function (3)		
BI 318 - Genetics (3)		
BI 321 - Immunology (3)		
BI 342 - Biochemistry I (3)		
BI 345 - Molecular Cell Biology w/Laboratory (4)		
BI 346 - Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Techniques (3)		
BI 351 - Introduction to Animal Behavior (3)		
BI 360 - Ecology (3)		
BI 363 - Conservation Biology (3)		
BI 392 - Introduction to Research (1)		
BI 497 - Biology Research (1-2)		
CH 321 - Analytical Chemistry (4)		
CH 342 - Biochemistry I (3)		
CH 344 - Biochemistry II (3)		
CH 345 - Molecular Cell Biology (3)		
CH 350 - Physical Chemistry for the Biological Sciences (3)		
CH 370 - Forensic Science (3)		
CH 497 - Chemistry Research (1-2)		
MA 315 - Introduction to Advanced Mathematics (3)		
MA 320 - Linear Algebra (3)		
MA 330 - Mathematics & Its History (3)		
MA 340 - Modern Geometry (3-4)		
MA 370 - Abstract Algebra (3)		
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Electives (minimum of 45 credit hours)

Includes 3 credit hours of one of the technology classes listed below.

Technology Requirement (minimum 3 credit hours)

Computer competency will be demonstrated by successful completion of the technology requirement of any department within the chosen concentration.

Behavior Science: AR 271 / CO 271, PY 262, SW 397 Humanities: AR 271 / CO 271, CS 210, EN 279, HI 399, MU 271, MU 272, MU 273, MU 274, TR 223 & TR 253 Natural Science: BI 499 / CH 499

Outcomes

Learning Outcomes for the Liberal Arts Studies Major

- Demonstrate a competent written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills for diverse audiences across a variety of media platforms.
 Demonstrate multidisciplinary perspectives.

Assessment

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- 1. Formative assessment of outcome 1 and 2 will occur in LA 101.
- 2. Summative assessment of outcome 1 and 2 will occur in LA 499.

Notes: