



Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Elementary Education

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

What is liberal studies at Cal State Fullerton?

Liberal studies is an exciting and challenging interdisciplinary program that provides students with a unique opportunity to study and integrate concepts from the humanities and arts, the natural sciences and the social sciences. Liberal studies majors trace the historical development of these areas of knowledge from ancient times up to the cutting edge of the present. Their explorations in the methods and assumptions of these disciplines help them acquire the comprehensive academic background, intellectual independence, creativity and cultural sensitivity that today's professional needs to navigate with confidence in an increasingly interconnected world.

Why major in the liberal studies elementary education plan?

Just think about the important role that the elementary school teacher plays in a child's intellectual development! As language arts teacher, music teacher, social studies teacher, science teacher, math teacher and art teacher all wrapped up in one person, the elementary educator needs a firm grasp of each of the multiple subject matter areas and their interconnections. The Liberal Studies Department provides future elementary teachers with a well-rounded interdisciplinary education that equips them for the life-long challenges of a successful career.

What does the major look like?

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with an option under the Elementary Education Plan is divided into the core courses, a required upper-division writing course and the preprofessional courses for a total of 51 units. Each course counted for the major must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher.

Core Courses (27 units)

The heart of the liberal studies curriculum is a carefully-structured sequence of core courses developed to immerse students in the arts and humanities, science, and social science and their interconnections. In the core, expert faculty members guide liberal studies majors through the development of

these areas from ancient times to the present. Their intellectual journey culminates in an advanced capstone senior seminar.

- Liberal Studies 300 Introduction to Liberal Studies (3 units).
- Liberal Studies 301 Inquiry and Composition in Liberal Studies (3 units).
Satisfies upper-division writing course requirement for majors in Liberal studies. *Prerequisite:* Liberal Studies 300.
- Liberal Studies/History 302A & B Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies (3 units, 3 units). *Prerequisites for 302A:* Completion of General Education II.A, and prior or concurrent completion of Liberal Studies 300. *Prerequisite for 302B:* Liberal Studies/History 302A.
- Liberal Studies 303 Liberal Studies in the Humanities and Arts (3 units)
Prerequisites: Music 101, Liberal Studies/History 302B and completion of the General Education requirement III.B.2
- Liberal Studies 304 Liberal Studies in the Sciences (3 units)
Prerequisites: Liberal Studies/History 302B and completion of the General Education requirement III.A.1 and 2.
- Liberal Studies 305 Liberal Studies in the Social Sciences (3 units)
Prerequisites: Liberal Studies/History 302B and completion of the General Education requirement III.C.1.
- Liberal Studies/Philosophy 401 Knowledge in the Arts and Sciences (3 units) *Prerequisites:* Liberal Studies 304 and either Liberal Studies 303 or 305.
- Senior Seminar in Liberal Studies (3 units)
Students may take any one of the following seminars:

Liberal Studies 485 Senior Seminar in Cultural Diversity (3 units)
Prerequisites: Senior standing, Liberal Studies 305 and completion of general education cultural diversity requirements.

Liberal Studies 486 Senior Seminar in Humanities and Arts (3 units)
Prerequisites: Senior standing and Liberal Studies 303.

Liberal Studies 487 Senior Seminar in Evolution and Creation (3 units)
Prerequisites: Senior standing and Liberal Studies/History 302B.

Liberal Studies 488 Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies (3 units)
Prerequisites: Senior standing and Liberal Studies 304 or 305.

Liberal Studies 489 Senior Seminar in Gender Issues (3 units)
Prerequisites: Senior standing and Liberal Studies 305.

Liberal Studies 490 Senior Seminar in Great Books (3 units)
Prerequisites: Senior standing and Liberal Studies/History 302B.

Liberal Studies 491 Senior Seminar in Literature and Science (3 units)
Prerequisites: Senior Standing and Liberal Studies/History 302B.

Elementary Education Plan (24 units)

- English 303 Structure of Modern English (3 units) or English/Linguistics 206 Language Structure and Language Use (3 units)
- Choose one of the following 3-unit courses: English 110 Literature of Western World from Ancient through Medieval Times; English 111 Literature of the Western World from Renaissance through 19th Century; English 211 British Literature to 1760; English 212 British Literature from 1760; English 221 American Literature to Whitman; English 222 American Literature from Twain to the Moderns. Comparative Literature 324 World Literature to 1650; or Comparative Literature 325 World Literature from 1650.
- English 341 Children's Literature (3 units) or Theatre 311 Oral Interpretation of Children's Literature (3 units).
- Math 303A & 303B Fundamental Concepts of Elementary Mathematics (3 units, 3 units)
- Geology 410 Physical Science Concepts (3 units) or Biology 453 Life Science Concepts (3 units).
- *Choose one of the following courses in Cultural Diversity in the Social Sciences:* Afro-Ethnic 309, 310, 311; American Studies 301, 395, 450; Anthropology 350; Asian American Studies 300, 340, 342; Chicana/o Studies, 305, 331; Geography 332; Sociology 357; Human Communications 320; or Women's Studies 302.
- *Choose one of the following courses in Visual and Performing Arts:* Art 380; Dance 471; Music 333, 433; or Theatre 402A.

Second Language Graduation Requirement

Except for students in the Streamlined Teacher Education Program (STEP), students studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies who enter Cal State Fullerton as first-time freshmen in fall 2006, or who enter a community college in fall 2006 with intent to transfer to Cal State Fullerton, will be required to show proficiency in a second language as a condition of graduation with a bachelor's degree. (See "Graduation Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree" in the 2005-2007 University Catalog.)

How does the major help satisfy requirements for a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential?

The bachelor's degree in liberal studies may be effectively combined with a few additional required courses to provide a thorough foundation for entry into a state-approved Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Program. Students are encouraged to contact the Center for Careers in Teaching (714-278-7130) early in their academic careers so as to make efficient course selections in general education and the prerequisites for the CSUF credential program.

Specially designed for freshmen planning to be teachers, students in the Streamlined Teacher Education Program (STEP) combine their Liberal Studies degree requirements with credential program courses to earn both the degree and the preliminary credential in an efficient, well-planned program of only 135 units. Transfer students may also participate in STEP but they must seek advisement from their community college counselors as early in their academic careers as possible.

For further information, visit the Center for Careers in Teaching website at www.fullerton.edu/cct or visit the center directly in Humanities 113.

Is there a liberal studies minor?

Yes, students can complement their major with a minor in liberal studies. The minor consists of 15 units: History/Liberal Studies 302A and 302B; Liberal Studies 303, 304 and 305.

A grade of C (2.0) or better is required in each course. Prior completion or concurrent registration in Liberal Studies 300 is not a requirement for liberal studies minors. History/Liberal Studies 302B is a prerequisite for Liberal Studies 303, 304, and 305.

Who advises me?

New student orientations and subsequent ongoing individual advisement sessions with Liberal Studies faculty are plentiful and always only an appointment away.

What courses will transfer from community college?

It is possible to take English 110 or 111, 211, 212, 221, 222, 341 and English/Linguistics 206 at community colleges that offer comparable courses. Before enrolling in such courses, students are strongly advised to consult with a liberal studies adviser.

What scholarships and awards are available?

In addition to the large number of scholarships that students may apply for through the university and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the department also awards several scholarships each year. Visit our website at <http://hss.fullerton.edu/liberal/> for more information.

What student activities can I join?

Every liberal studies major is eligible to become a member of the Liberal Studies Student Association. The group plans and participates in cultural and learning functions, social events and activities related to academic life such as study group formation.

How can I get more information?

For further information, to schedule an orientation, or talk to an adviser, contact the Liberal Studies Department, California State University, Fullerton, P.O. Box 6868, Fullerton, CA 92834-6868, call (714) 278-2794, or visit our website at <http://hss.fullerton.edu/liberal/>.