

LIBERAL STUDIES, BA, GENERAL CONCENTRATION

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Program Description

The Liberal Studies degree requires a broad-based liberal arts experience typically undertaken as preparation for future k-8 teachers and educational specialists. With the passing of California AB-130 in July, 2021, successful completion of a Liberal Studies degree allows graduates to meet the *subject matter competence* required to obtain a Multiple Subject or Educational Specialist Teaching Credential in the State of California, thus granting equivalence to the Multiple Subjects CSET Exam. In addition, six of the seven Liberal Studies pathways have been approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing as an Elementary Subject Matter (ESM) Preparation Program the recommended "gold standard" for providing undergraduates the subject matter and foundational knowledge of schooling and teaching beneficial for future success as a k-8 teacher or educational specialist. Because the Liberal Studies teacher preparation emphases prepare students for a state licensed credential, requirements may be changed by state mandate at any time.

CSUB Liberal Studies Program Philosophy and Learning Objectives

The Liberal Studies Program is based on a conception of a well-educated and culturally competent person, and focuses on significant ideas, modes of inquiry, structures, and values within its various disciplines. Coursework throughout the program emphasizes the study of broad concepts and principles that encompass and illuminate the areas of human learning and what it means to be an educator within a complex, diverse, and pluralistic democracy. Although the Liberal Studies program is not designed exclusively as academic preparation for students who plan to teach in the elementary schools, it fosters deep foundational knowledge of academic subjects taught in elementary schools: language arts, reading, mathematics, science, social studies, history, the visual and performing arts, and physical education. In addition, since educators in California serve developing young human beings from racial, ethnic, and linguistically diverse origins, students must have a deep knowledge of human development and an affirmative commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism.

Program Requirements

This option is a traditional four-year degree for a student interested in a broad range of subjects, but who is not necessarily intending to teach. The degree satisfies all

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
Subject Area 1A: English Composition ¹		0

Subject Area 1B: Critical Thinking ¹	0
Subject Area 1C: Oral Communication ¹	0
Subject Area 2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning ¹	0
Subject Area 3A: Arts ¹	0
Subject Area 3B: Humanities ¹	0
Upper Division 3 Arts or Humanities: (3UD) ¹	0
Subject Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences ¹	0
Upper Division 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences: (4UD) ¹	0
Subject Area 5A: Physical Science ¹	0
Subject Area 5B: Biological Sciences ¹	0
Subject Area 5C: Laboratory ¹	0
Upper Division 5 Science: (5UD) ¹	0
Subject Area 6: Ethnic Studies	3
General Education Subtotal	3

Campus Requirements

First-Year Seminar (FYS)	2
American Institutions: Government ^{1,5}	0
American Institutions: History ¹	0
Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYDR) ¹	0
Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) ¹	0
Capstone ¹	0
Campus Requirement Subtotal	2

Major Requirements

Interdisciplinary Education Studies		
LBST 3300	Educational Policy & Diversity	3
LBST 3600	Social Sciences in Elementary Schools	3

Interdisciplinary Breadth

Select two courses from different disciplines in each of the following areas: ² 18

Arts and Humanities

Social Sciences

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Interdisciplinary Depth requirement

Four upper-division courses ³ 12

Minor or Concentration

Select one of the following: 12

A minor consisting of at least 12 semester units within a minor program designed by another discipline

A concentration developed with a Liberal Studies advisor

Electives

Subtotal 48

Additional Units Needed Towards Graduation ⁴ 67

Total Units 120

¹ May be satisfied in major.

² In addition to General Education requirements, One of the two courses may be lower or upper division; the other must be upper division in a different discipline.

³ Thematically related courses approved by a LBST advisor; these courses must be in addition to courses satisfying general education and major requirements.

⁴ Students must complete additional elective units to reach the minimum number of units required for graduation.

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⁵ American Institution - Government (American & Constitutional Ideals)
satisfies one course of the two required in Subject Area 4.