

Liberal Arts

The **Liberal Arts** major is one of the University's most flexible academic programs. The major has been developed for those students who wish to examine an area of the Liberal Arts in depth and, at the same time, self-design a baccalaureate program of study which prepares them for either graduate study or a variety of career options requiring a broad understanding of the humanities, social/behavioral sciences, and the fine arts.

While students in this major select their courses from a wide range of disciplines, each individual program should have coherence and a convincing rationale for its structure. To achieve this goal, each student, upon acceptance into the major, works with an academic advisor to design a program plan for completing the major within specified parameters. As part of that program plan, the completion of an academic minor, chosen from available options within the Division of Arts and Sciences, is required. The student is also encouraged to meet regularly with the career development staff to explore career options, design a portfolio, and develop appropriate credentials for future job searches.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the graduate will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Liberal Arts and will be able to:

- Communicate clearly and persuasively, using a wide variety of examples.
- Read, write, speak, and listen with discrimination and logical judgment.
- Analyze, problem solve, and evaluate in a thoughtful manner.
- Apply the insights of great writers and thinkers from a broad sampling of academic areas.

Admission Criteria

Candidates for admission to the Liberal Arts major are required to:

- Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the time of application to the major.
- Make formal application to the major in the Fall semester of the sophomore year.

Progression Criteria/Degree Requirements

Progression in the Liberal Arts major leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree requires students to:

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
- Receive a minimum grade of "C" in every major course requirement.
- Complete a minimum of 122 credits.

Cooperative Education

Students in the major are encouraged to complete a minimum of three (3) credits of Cooperative Education in settings related to Liberal Arts. See *HUM 394-396* and *HUM 494-496* in the *Course Descriptions* section of this catalog for specific details pertaining to this experience.

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Major Requirements

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| HUM 200 Introduction to Arts Theory and Criticism..... | 3 |
| Any Arts and Sciences courses at the 200-level and above | 12 |
| Any 400-level Seminar within the Division of Arts and Sciences..... | 3 |
| Self-Designed portion of the program* | 45 |
| *All courses in the Self-Designed portion of the Liberal Arts Major must be taken from within the Division of Arts and Sciences. An academic minor, chosen from the following available options that are offered by the Division of Arts and Sciences, <u>must be incorporated</u> into this section of the major: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communication and Media Arts, Criminal Justice, Environmental Studies, Foreign Language, Franciscan Studies, History, Intelligence Studies, Journalism, Literature, Mathematics, Music, Musical Theater, Natural Science, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Theater Arts, Theology, Writing, or Youth Ministry. | |
| Total | 63 |
| General Electives | 12 |

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Suggested Four-Year Curriculum

FALL

Freshman

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| ENG 101 Effective Writing/Computers | 3 |
| FINE ARTS CORE..... | 3 |
| INT 101 Freshman Experience | 1 |
| MATH CORE | 3 |
| PHIL CORE | 3 |
| SCIENCE CORE | 4 |
| Total | 17 |

SPRING

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| ENG 102 Research and Writing | 3 |
| LANG CORE | 3 |
| PHIL CORE | 3 |
| Self-Designed Portion | 3 |
| SOCIAL SCIENCE CORE..... | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

Sophomore

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| Arts and Sciences Requirement | 3 |
| CA 206 Effective Public Speaking..... | 3 |
| ENG LIT CORE..... | 3 |
| HIST CORE | 3 |
| THEO 104 Introduction to Theology..... | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

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| Arts and Sciences Requirement | 3 |
| INT 202 Exploring Diversity | 3 |
| Self-Designed Portion | 6 |
| THEO CORE (200-level or above)..... | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

Junior

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| General Elective | 3 |
| HUM 200 Intro. Arts Theory/Criticism..... | 3 |
| Self-Designed Portion | 9 |
| Total | 15 |

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| Arts and Sciences Requirement | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Self-Designed Portion | 9 |
| Total | 15 |

Senior

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| Arts and Sciences Requirement | |
| or | |
| Arts and Sciences Seminar | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Self-Designed Portion | 9 |
| Total | 15 |

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| Arts and Sciences Requirement | |
| or | |
| Arts and Sciences Seminar..... | 3 |
| General Elective | 3 |
| Self-Designed Portion | 9 |
| Total | 15 |

TOTAL CREDITS UPON GRADUATION.....122