

Liberal Studies

The Liberal Studies major is designed to prepare students to teach elementary school and earn a multiple subject California preliminary teaching credential. There are two pathways to achieve these goals:

The Traditional Program

The traditional Liberal Studies Program consists of four years to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and two semesters of graduate study through the Department of Learning and Teaching to secure a California preliminary credential. Standard admission procedures apply. Transfer students are welcome.

The Integrated Program

The integrated program provides a course of study that allows qualified students to complete their Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and their Californian preliminary multiple subject credential in four years. Students must be approved by the Director of Liberal Studies after University admissions for this program.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Major Requirements for Interdisciplinary Educational Studies Major:

70 units required

Language and Literature

ENGL 111	Critical Reading and Writing II	3
ENGL 312	The Teaching of Writing	3
ENGL 316	First and Second Language Acquisition	4
ENGL 335	Children's Literature	3

History/Social Science

HIST 101	World Civilization to 1500	4
HIST 121	United States History to 1877	4
HIST 345	California History	4
PSYC 200	General Psychology	4

Mathematics

MATH 120	Concepts Underlying Arithmetic	4
MATH 128	Topics in Liberal Arts Math	4

Science

BIOL 111/111L	Principles of Biology and Principles of Biology Lab	4
PHYS 110/110L	Physical Science for Liberal Art Majors and Physical Science Liberal Arts Majors Lab	4
GEOL 111/111L	Physical Geology and Physical Geology Lab	4

Visual/Performing Arts

ART 341	Visual Arts in Education	3
MUS 103	Music for Classroom Teachers	3
TA 440	Creative Dramatics for Children & Youth	3

Physical Education/Health

EXSC 354	Elementary School Physical Education	4
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Capstone

IES 362	Career Decisions in Education	4
IES 382	Liberal Studies Seminar	4
IES 402	Theories of Teaching and Learning	4

Mandatory Minor Required

Courses

LIBA 325. Liberal Studies Seminar. (2).

This course is required of all liberal studies majors at CLU who have completed three semesters in the Bachelor's Degree for Professionals liberal studies program. Successful completion of this course will partially fulfill the elementary subject matter competence requirement. Students will also be introduced to the California Academic Content Standards for K-6 and the Teacher Performance Expectations (TPE) required in all teacher preparation programs.

LIBA 362. Career Decisions in Education. (4).

An introduction to the teaching profession. Students who are considering a career in the field of education will become acquainted with the many facets of the teaching profession. Fieldwork in an educational setting is required.

LIBA 382. Liberal Studies Seminar. (4).

Successful completion of this course will partially fulfill the elementary subject matter competence requirement. Students will also be introduced to the California Academic Content Standards for K-6 and the Teacher Performance Expectations (TPE) required in all teacher preparation programs.

LIBA 402. Theories of Teaching and Learning. (4).

This course is required of all liberal studies majors. Students will also explore theories of teaching, learning, the assessment of learning and the influence of those theories on content, methods and classroom environment, including the use of technology and their application in improving academic achievement for all students. Fieldwork required. Prerequisite: PSYC 200.

LIBA 482. Selected Topic. (1-4).

LIBA 490. Independent Study. (1-4).