LIBERAL STUDIES

California State University, Dominguez Hills

CAREER INFORMATION

The major in Liberal Studies offers a diversified curriculum for those who are attracted to an interdisciplinary program of study. The purposes of Liberal Studies are twofold: (1) to prepare students for graduate work in such fields as law, business, human services, government, and public relations or to pursue intellectual fulfillment for its own sake; and (2) to provide the undergraduate preparation for students to teach in the public schools of California. Liberal Studies is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing as a baccalaureate waiver program for entry into a multiple subject (for elementary-level teaching) or special education program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CSU Dominguez Hills offers the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies. The Liberal Studies Program provides an interdisciplinary major designed for students who intend to become teachers in elementary school. It is an approved multiple subject matter program for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. The Program consists of two parts: a Core and an Option. All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C. Students follow the CSU General Education Breadth pattern (Plan B - LBCC) to meet General Education requirements. Further, Liberal Studies and General Education courses may be double-counted (i.e., one course may be used to fulfill both a Liberal Studies and General Education requirement).

The Areas listed below contain the CSUDH lower-division major requirements and their LBCC equivalents. All upper-division courses need to be taken at CSUDH. The first course listed is the LBCC department and course number followed by the CSULB department and course number in parentheses. For example, for the equivalency Engl 1 or 1H (Engl 100), Engl 1 is the LBCC course and Engl 100 is the CSULB course.

As requirements do change, please check www.assist.org for the most current articulation information. Moreover, you must see a counselor to develop an accurate educational plan to ensure your competitiveness for admission to your school(s) of choice. To thoroughly understand admissions and general education requirements please check the CSUDH catalog. CSU/UC admissions and general education requirements are outlined on a separate curriculum guide.

B.A. – Liberal Studies

Core Requirements:

AREA I  Language and Literature (18-19 units): (Lower-division options)
Engl 2 (Eng 111)

AREA II  Mathematics and Science (16-18 units): (Lower-division options)
Bio 41 or 41H (Bio 102); 41L (103); Math 28 (Mat 107), 29 (207)

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AREA III  Social and Behavioral Sciences: (18-20 units): (Lower-division options)
One course: Hist 2B (His 120) or 2C or 2CH (121) or upper-division courses at CSUDH;
CDECE 47 (Psy 350)

AREA IV  Humanities and Fine Arts: (15 units): (Lower-division options)
One course: Art 9 (Art 100), 10 (101), 1 or 1H (110), 2 or 2H (111)
One course: Music 30A or 30B or 31 or 40 (Mus 101), 6 (110)
(No LBCC equivalent to the following CSUDH course: Dan 130)

AREA V  Professional Development (9-37 units): (Lower-division options)
CBIS 6 (CIS 270)
(No LBCC equivalent to the following CSUDH course: Lbs 200)

Option Requirements:
Options usually consist of 12-14 upper division units in a subject area. Options listed have been approved by
the Liberal Studies Committee at CSUDH; options in other fields can be designed with your CSUDH Liberal
Studies advisor. Courses may not “double-count” for both the Core and the Option. The “Blended
Option” has recently been developed which integrates Liberal Studies subject matter with Teacher Education
methods. Although majors accepted into the “Blended Option” are required to take additional course work to
complete the program, an initial teaching credential will be earned concurrently with the bachelor’s degree in
Liberal Studies.

Some of the options listed may qualify for a “Supplementary Authorization”. This authorization is in addition to
the Multiple Subject Credential which will allow you to teach introductory courses in a
single subject area through the ninth grade. A “Supplementary Authorization” could expand your teaching
options to junior high or middle school.

Students must select from one of the following 24 options: Africana Studies, Anthropology, Art, Asian Pacific
Studies, Biology (Human), Blended, Chicana/Chicano Studies, Dance, English, Health, History,
Interdisciplinary Studies, Literacy, Mathematics, Music, Natural Sciences, Philosophy, Physical Education,
Political Science, Psychology, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Sociology, Spanish (bilingual), and Theater
Arts. Most of the option course work is at the upper-division level.
However, the following courses can be taken at LBCC to fulfill some of the lower-division requirements for the
following, specific options: (Note: If an option is not listed, either no lower-division courses are required or
LBCC equivalencies do not exist).

Art Option
Three courses:  Art 50 (Art 150), 15 (179), 23 (180), 60 (190)

Dance Option
Dance 10AB (Dan 210) or upper-division courses at CSUDH; Dance 18AD (2 units required) (Ped 110) or
upper-division courses at CSUDH
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSUDH courses: Dan 130, 220; Ped 251)

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Mathematics Option
Stat 1 or 1H (Mat 131); Math 50 (Mat 153)
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSUDH courses: CSC 111; Mat 141)
Substitute courses: Math 47 (Mat 171), 60 (191), 70 (193), 80 (211)

*Any of these courses may substitute for any of those listed above upon approval by a Liberal Studies advisor at CSUDH. In particular, students who plan to obtain a “Supplementary Authorization” in mathematics should substitute a mathematics course for CSC 111.

***Supplementary Authorization in Mathematics requires: Algebra, Geometry, Development of Real Number System or Introduction to Mathematics; or three courses in calculus or other mathematics courses for which algebra and geometry are prerequisites (all course work at least at a level for which intermediate algebra is a prerequisite).

Music Option
Recommended: Music 30A or 30B or 31 or 40 (Mus 101); Music 6 (Mus 110)
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSUDH courses: Mus 111)
Three to six units: Music 7AB (Mus 120), 51A (121), 55AD (122), 8AD (220), 52AD (221)
(No LBCC equivalent to the following CSUDH course: Mus 222)

***Supplementary authorization in Music requires: Vocal, Instrumental, History or Appreciation, and Theory

Natural Sciences Option
Geol 2 (Ear 100), Geol 3 (Ear 200)
Six to eight units (not more than 6 units in one department): Geol 2L (Ear 101) and upper-division courses at CSUDH
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSUDH courses: Che 102; Ear 201)

***Supplementary Authorization in Science requires: biological sciences, chemistry, geosciences and physics with a one-year sequence of two courses in two areas (one must include a laboratory component)

Sociology Option
Recommended: Socio 1 (Soc 101)

Spanish (bilingual) Option
Span 1 or 1A and 1B (Spa 110), 2 or 2A and 2B (111), 3 (220), 4 (221)

***Supplementary Authorization in Spanish requires: Grammar, Composition, Conversation, Literature and verification of oral proficiency.

Theater Arts Option
One course from: Tart 40AD & 42AD (The 243) or upper-division courses at CSUDH