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

The CSULB Liberal Studies program is an approved alternate general education program. In completing the Liberal Studies major, students concurrently satisfy their general education requirements. Students changing to another major from Liberal Studies, however, will be subject to the standard university General Education requirements and must consult an academic advisor.

CSU Long Beach offers three programs within the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies major: 1) the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP); 2) Track I; and 3) Track II. The program of study for the Liberal Studies major is composed of two parts: a Core and a Concentration. Each of the three program tracks in Liberal Studies has its own Core and related Concentrations.

This guide describes the Track II program in detail. (Please refer to separate CSULB Liberal Studies Transfer Curriculum Guides for descriptions of the ITEP and Track I programs). Track II is for students with varied professional or career goals and who prefer a sound generalist program to one requiring early specialization.

The Areas listed below contain the CSULB lower-division course requirements and their Long Beach City College (LBCC) equivalents. Course work used to meet the specific requirements of the core may also be used to meet the specific requirements of a concentration to a maximum of 12 units of such “double counting” or “overlapping”. (Although one course may satisfy two requirements at the same time, the units earned apply to the total units required for the degree only once.).

As requirements do change, please check www.assist.org for the most current articulation information. Moreover, please see a counselor to develop an accurate educational plan to

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ensure your competitiveness for admission to your school(s) of choice. To thoroughly understand admissions and general education requirements please check the CSULB catalog.

B.A. – Liberal Studies (Track II)

Core Requirements (minimum 87 units):
Only one course per Core Area may be taken credit-no credit.

AREA I  Language and Communication Studies (minimum 18 units): (Lower-division options)
Group 1: Composition in English
One course: Engl 1 or 1H (Engl 100); One course: Engl 2 (101), 27B (205), 27A (206) or upper-division courses at CSULB
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: Asam 100; B/St 100; Chls 104; Engl 100W)

Group 2: Oral Communication in English
One course: Sp 20 (Comm 110); Sp 10 (Comm 130); Sp 30 (Comm 132) or upper-division courses at CSULB

Group 3: Language and Critical Thought
One course: Engl 3 or 3H (Engl 102); Phil 12 (Phil 170), Phil 11 (Psy 130); Sp 60 (Comm 131 + 131W)
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: A/St 190; Hist 101)

Group 4: Language Study Other than English
Two semesters of one foreign language (first year or second year) from Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish

AREA II  Natural Science and Mathematics (minimum 18 units): (Lower-division options)
Group 1: Mathematics
Two courses: Math 36 (Math 103), 45 (112), 47 (115), 50 (117), 60 (122), 70 (123)
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: Math 114; Math 119A; Math 119B)
Group 2:  Natural Sciences
One course:  Bio 41+41L or 41H+41L (Biol 200), 1A (211A)
One course:  Astr 1 + 1L (Astr 100 + 100L); Chem 1A (Chem 111A); Geol 1 or 1H or 2 +
(2L or 2F) (Geol 102 + (104 or 105); Phys 2A (Phys 100A), 3A (151)
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: Biol 205; Biol 207; Chem 100;
Phsc 112)

Group 3:  Additional Study in Science or Math
One course:  Bio 20 or 20H (Biol 153), Bio 1B (Biol 211B); Chem 1B (Chem 111B); Stat
1 or 1H (C/LA/Hdev 250/Math 180); PGeog 1 (Geog 140); Geol 3 or 3H (Geol 240);
Math 80 (Math 224); Bio 61 (Micro 101); Phys 2B (Phys 100B); Phys 3B (Phys 152) or
upper-division courses at CSULB
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses:  (ET 202; Geol 160, 160L, 163,
190, 191; Math 233, 247; Psy 110; Soc 255)

AREA III  National and World Citizenship (minimum 18 units): (Lower-division options)
Group 1:  Basic Studies
One course:  Hist 10  (Hist 172), 11 (173) or upper-division courses at CSULB
One course:  Polsc 1 or 1H (Posc 100) or upper-division courses at CSULB

Group 2:  U.S. Diversity
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses:  Asam 200; B/St 210)

Group 3:  National Citizenship
One course:  Polsc 3 (Posc 210) or upper-division courses at CSULB

Group 4:  World Citizenship
One course:  Polsc 2 (Posc 215), 4 (220) or upper-division courses at CSULB

AREA IV  Social and Behavioral Sciences (minimum 18 units): (Lower-division options)
Group 1:  Psychology/Sociology
One course:  Psych 1 or 1H (Psy 100); Socio 1 (Soc 100), 2 (142)

Group 2:  Geography/Cultural Anthropology
One course:  Anthro 2  (Anth 120); Geog 40 (Geog 100), 2 (160)
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses:  Geog 100W)

Group 3:  History
One course:  Hist 1A or 1AH (Hist 131), 1B or 1BH (132), 2B (211), 2C or 2CH (212)

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AREA V Literary, Visual and Performing Arts (minimum 12 units): (Lower-division options)
Group 1: Visual and Performing Arts
Two courses (from two different arts): Art 6 or 7 or 8 or 10 (Art 110); Music 40 or 40H (Music 190); Tart 25 (Thea 122) or upper-division courses at CSULB
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: AH 113A; AH113B; AH 115B; AH115C; B/St 155; B/St 160; Dance 110; Music 290; Thea 113; Thea/C/Lt 124)

Group 2: Literature
One course: Engl 32 (C/Lt 234), 2 (180), 2 (184), 46 (250A), 47 (250B) or upper-division courses at CSULB
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: B/St 140; Chls 150; C/Lt 100; C/Lt 236)

AREA VI – Cultures, Values and Beliefs (minimum 9 units): (Lower-division options)
Group 1: Western Tradition
One course: Phil 6 (Phil 100), 7 (160) or upper-division courses at CSULB
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: Phil 160W, 203, 204; R/St 102)

Group 2: Non-Western Traditions
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: R/St 103)

Group 3: Additional Study
One course: (Select from courses listed above not completed)

AREA VII Health, Well-Being and Life Management (minimum 3 units): (Lower-division options)
One course: F & N 20 (Fcs 132); Hled 3 (Hsc 210)
(No LBCC equivalents to the following CSULB courses: Anth 150; Edp 191; Kpe 157; Rec 220; W/St 101)

Concentration Requirements (minimum 24 units):

CSULB advisor approval must be received both for the choice of Concentration and for the specific course work, as well as for any subsequent changes in the plan of study. Only one course in a Concentration may be taken credit-no credit. Fifteen (15) units must be at the upper-division level (with the exception of Biology and Mathematics where only 12 units at the upper-division level are required) from one of the disciplinary programs below. A maximum of 12 units of course work used to meet requirements of the Core may be used to satisfy the requirements of the Concentration. In such “double-counting”, one course may satisfy two requirements but the units apply to total degree requirements only once.