

Liberal Studies

The Program

The purpose of the Liberal Studies Program is to provide a solid multidisciplinary preparation in the Humanities, Sciences, Social Sciences, Human Development, and the Arts. Because it is interdisciplinary, it is especially beneficial for future elementary school teachers who are required to teach all subjects.

Students gain a broad, diverse, culturally sensitive perspective by integrating concepts, communicating effectively, thinking critically and creatively, problem solving, and making sound ethical decisions. The Liberal Studies Blended degree program is one of the largest majors on campus and provides a foundation for meeting a wide range of future goals. This richly diversified education includes a broad cross-section of academic disciplines and faculty and is committed to transforming students and improving the region and beyond.

This major fully complies with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing standards. Students completing the Liberal Studies major and meeting the requirements and criteria are eligible to enter a credential program including the Multiple Subject Credential (K-8), Multiple Subject Credential with Bilingual Authorization (BAP), Multiple Subject Credential with Early

Childhood Emphasis, Education Specialist Credential (Special Education), and the Dual Credential (Multiple Subject and Special Education).

In addition, this major provides a foundational education for occupational opportunities outside of education, such as business, human resources, social services, management, government, public service, and graduate programs.

Faculty

The Liberal Studies degree program is an all-university program where faculty members represent a broad cross-section of academic disciplines and departments. These departments offer courses that can be applied toward the Liberal Studies major. The program is coordinated by the Liberal Studies coordinator.

Career Opportunities

Schools are facing a shortage of qualified teachers. Liberal studies majors preparing for careers in teaching should expect to find a favorable job market. With public schools, private schools, court schools, prison education, overseas placements, international schools, U.S. Department of Defense Dependent Schools, and U.S. Department of State schools, there are many opportunities for aspiring teachers.

In addition, the Liberal Studies major prepares students for occupational opportunities in fields outside of education where employers are seeking applicants with a richly diversified education. Opportunities are often available in business, human resources, social services, management, and government.

Credential Programs

The Liberal Studies program coupled with the credential programs provide the majority of the teachers throughout the central valley districts. Liberal Studies prepares students to enter a credential program: Multiple Subject (K-8) Credential, Multiple Subject Credential with Bilingual Authorization (BAP), Multiple Subject Credential with Early Childhood Emphasis, Education Specialist Credential (Special Education), Dual Credential (Multiple Subject and Special Education), and the Teacher in Preparation Internship Program. All options require a passing score on the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and specific criteria. For credential program admission requirements, see <http://www.fresnostate.edu/kremen/> (Teaching Credential Programs). Our accredited programs fully comply with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing standards.

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B.A. in Liberal Studies

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Program Advisement

The Liberal Studies Kremen Ed. Rm. 100 is a centralized advising center for Liberal Studies and credentials. Liberal studies majors are expected to attend a “Dog Days” group orientation describing the program prior to their first semester on campus. In addition, all students should access the Liberal Studies Handbook, available at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/kremen/lsl/>. For individual advising, students should make an appointment at 559.270.0300 or (<http://www.fresnostate.edu/kremen/lsl/>). The mailing address is 5005 N Maple Ave, MS ED701, Fresno, CA 93740. Students are encouraged to meet with a Liberal Studies adviser each semester to insure steady and accurate progress toward graduation. Advisers are available 12 months of the year to assist current and prospective students regarding the Liberal Studies major, as well as the credential programs.

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Liberal Studies students follow a General Education (G.E.) plan that is specific to the major. The Liberal Studies Program can blend General Education, additional major courses, and some credential coursework into the degree.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Liberal Studies Major	Units
General Education and Major Requirements.....	99-103
Electives and remaining degree requirements.....	21-25
Total.....	120

Credential Students. It is recommended that elective units be used to begin the professional preparation (credential program) requirements. In order to apply to the credential program, Liberal Studies Program majors must meet the basic admission requirements for the credential program. Students who do not meet these requirements, but who may want to continue pursuing a teaching credential, must consult an adviser to develop a plan to work toward qualification.

Non-Credential Students. Elective units may be used for a dual major.

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