

LIBERAL STUDIES

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Program Description

Liberal Studies (LBS) is an interdisciplinary undergraduate major for students who intend to become elementary and special education teachers or to pursue related graduate work. Courses leading to the B.A. in Liberal Studies focus on the subject areas taught in elementary schools as well as professional preparation and early fieldwork. LBS is a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) approved Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Program (ESM). LBS also offers two Integrated Teacher Education Programs (ITEP) in which students earn a B.A. and a credential for teaching elementary school (multiple subjects) or special education (education specialist mild/moderate).

Pre-Admission Disclosure for Academic Programs Leading to Licensure or Credentialing

Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Licensure and credentialing requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the CSU and requirements can change at any time. For example, licensure or credentialing requirements can include

evidence of the right to work in the United States (e.g., social security number or tax payer identification number) or successfully passing a criminal background check. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure or credentialing requirements. The CSU will not refund tuition, fees, or any associated costs, to students who determine subsequent to admission that they cannot meet licensure or credentialing requirements. Information concerning licensure and credentialing requirements are available from the **College of Education Dean's Office: COE 1490 - (310) 243-3510**

Preparation

Students preparing to enter the Liberal Studies major should focus on building a strong GPA to facilitate their future entry into credential programs. Community college students planning to transfer should know that several GE courses "double-count" in the Liberal Studies major. These courses are listed at www.assist.org (<http://www.assist.org>).

Academic Advisement

Liberal Studies students should see an advisor each semester. Advising is available throughout the year. Students requiring information should email lbs@csudh.edu or call (310) 243-3832 to confirm advising schedules. Students on academic probation are required to attend STEPS (Strategies Toward Educational Progress & Success) workshops provided by the University Advisement Center (UAC). Probation holds will be lifted by UAC after satisfactory completion of STEPS. In addition to program and professional advising, advisors may refer students to other university services on campus.

All students applying to the Liberal Studies major (or current CSUDH students changing their majors) must attend a Liberal Studies Advising Meeting. The meeting includes information about: creating a LBS student file, registration for courses, important university policies, community college transferable coursework, and an overview of the requirements to earn a B.A. in Liberal Studies.

Career Possibilities

Liberal Studies is the preferred undergraduate major for students preparing to teach elementary or special education.

Graduation with Honors

Undergraduate majors are eligible to graduate with honors in Liberal Studies if they meet the following criteria:

1. Complete a minimum of 36 units in residence at CSU Dominguez Hills.
2. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 in all upper division coursework (300 and 400 level) used to satisfy the requirements for the Liberal Studies major (Core and Option).

Overall Program Structure

The major consists of two parts:

1. **Core** Course Requirements. Students take specific courses in each of five areas: Language and Literature; Mathematics and Science; History and Social Science; Visual and Performing Arts; and Professional Development. These specific courses provide the subject matter background for elementary and special education teachers.

2. **Option or Depth of Study Course Requirements.** Students study a subject area within the major in depth and may choose any approved option. (Integrated Option also requires Depth of Study).

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Total Course Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree

See the "Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/baccalaureate-degrees-undergraduate-studies/>)" in the University Catalog for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 40 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

Elective Requirements

Completion of elective courses (beyond the requirements listed below) to reach a total of a minimum of 120 units.

General Education Requirements (49 units)

See the "General Education (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/double-counting-general-education-courses/general-education/>)" requirements in the University Catalog or the Class Schedule for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings. Note that several GE courses double-count in the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement

See the "Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (<https://catalog.csudh.edu/general-information/graduate-writing-examination/>)" in the University Catalog.

Minor Requirements

Single field major, no minor required.

Major Requirements (81-92 units)

In addition, the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this degree. Students must select one of the options listed.

All courses in this major must be passed with a grade of "C" or higher.

Core Requirements (75 units)

A. Area I- Language and Literature (12 units)

1. Select one course from the following (3 units)

ANT 312 Language And Culture (3)

or

ENG 487 Introduction to Second-Language Learning and Teaching (3)

or

SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)

Note: Students in the Spanish Option must take SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)

2. Required Courses (9 units)

ENG 305 Critical Reading of Literature (3)

ENG 308 Critical Approaches to Children's Literature (3)

TED 407 Languages in Praxis (3)

B. Area II - Mathematics and Science (18 units)

BIO 102 General Biology (3)

BIO 103 General Biology Laboratory (1)

MAT 107 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Real Numbers (3)

MAT 207 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Geometry & Statistics (4)

PHY 300 Physical Science for Teachers (4)

EAR 416 Earth Sciences for Teachers (3)

C. Area III - History and Social Science (12 units)

LBS 205 Child and Adolescent Development (3)

HIS 120 World History I (3)

or

ANT 102 Ancient Civilizations (3)

LBS 375 The California Experience (3)

HIS 354 History of American Immigration (3)

D. Area IV - Visual and Performing Arts (9 units)

1. Select one of the following courses (3 units)

ART 100 Looking At Art (3)

THE 100 Television Film & Theatre (3)

DAN 130 Global Dance Perspectives (3)

MUS 101 Introducing Music (3)

2. Select one of the following courses (3 units)

ART 301 Arts/Crafts For Non-Major (3)

DAN 440 Dance for Children (3)

KIN 447 Dan Educ in the Elem School (3)

MUS 340 Music For Children (3)

MUS 440 Intro To Orff Schulwerk (3)

THE 337 Creative Dramatics (3)

THE 339 Multicultural Children's Theatre (3)

***Note:** Student must choose a course in a different discipline than for the lower division visual and performing arts course.

3. Required Course (3 units)

LBS 405 Engineering and the Arts in the Elementary (3)

E. Area V- Professional Development (24 units)

LBS 203 Introduction to Teaching: Becoming a Transformative Educator (3)

LBS 212 Service Learning in Urban Elementary Schools (3)

LBS 301 Schooling in a Multicultural Society (3)

LBS 302 Responsive Teaching and Classroom Management (3)

LBS 303 Teaching and Learning in Diverse Classrooms (3)

LBS 400 Senior Seminar in Liberal Studies (3)

KIN 425 Pe In The Elementary Sch (3)

SPE 480 Educating Exceptional Children and Youth (3)

Depth of Study (12 -14 units)

Students must select and complete one of the approved options of in-depth areas of study of a relevant subject area. Each option consists of a minimum of 12-14 units.

The courses listed below double count within the Options

ANT 312 Language And Culture (3)

SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)

ENG 305 Critical Reading of Literature (3)

ENG 487 Introduction to Second-Language Learning and Teaching (3)

MAT 207 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Geometry & Statistics (4)

ART 100 Looking At Art (3)

DAN 440 Dance for Children (3)

THE 337 Creative Dramatics (3)

MUS 340 Music For Children (3)

KIN 425 Pe In The Elementary Sch (3)

LBS 205 Child and Adolescent Development (3)

Options

Anthropology Option (12 units)

1. Ethnology (3 units)

Select one of the following courses (3 units):

ANT 310 Culture & Personality: Psychological Anthropology (3)

ANT 312 Language And Culture (3)

ANT 315 Magic & Religion (3)

ANT 388 Anthro Theories Of Behav (3)

ANT 389 Transmission Of Culture (3)

2. Ethnography (3 units)

Select one of the following courses (3 units):

ANT 330 North American Indians (3)

ANT 335 Comparative Cultures (3)

ANT 341 Folklore (3)

ANT 370 Peoples Of The Old World (3)

3. Ancient Civilizations and Prehistory (3 units)

Select one of the following courses (3 units):

ANT 333 Ancient Peoples Of Mexico (3)

ANT 350 Prehistory: Africa & Eurasia (3)

ANT 351 Prehistory of the Americas (3)

4. Research Methods (3 units)

Select one of the following courses (3 units):

ANT 313 Meth & Tech In Arch (3)

ANT 375 Ethnographic Meth & Tech (3)

Art Option (12 units)

1. Required Course (3 units)

ART 100 Looking At Art (3)

2. Select three of the following courses (9 units)

ART 150 Ceramics I (3)

ART 179 Drawing 1 (3)

ART 180 Painting I (3)

ART 190 Sculpture I (3)

Dance Option (12 units)

DAN 210 Ballet I (2)

DAN 220 Modern Dance I (2)

DAN 330 Dance Composition I (2)

DAN 355 Forces and Figures in Dance (3)

DAN 440 Dance for Children (3)

Early Teaching and Learning Option (12 units)

LBS 310 Early Language and Literacy (3)

LBS 330 Bridging Cultures Through Literacy and Learning (3)

LBS 340 Early Mathematical Concepts (3)

PSY 350 Child Psychology (3)

or

LBS 205 Child and Adolescent Development (3)

Educating Children with Disabilities Option (12 units)

SPE 458 Behavior Managements in School Settings (3)

SPE 461 Typical and Atypical development and Assessment Issues in Special and General Education (3)

SPE 462 Language Disorders and Communication (3)

SPE 480 Educating Exceptional Children and Youth (3)

English Language and Linguistics Option (12 units)

ENG 317 Sociolinguistics: Black English (3)

ENG 351 Composition for Elementary School Teachers (3)

ENG 414 American English (3)

ENG 487 Introduction to Second-Language Learning and Teaching (3)

English Literature Option (12 units)

ENG 305 Critical Reading of Literature (3)

ENG 306 Backgrounds of Literature (3)

ENG 325 Poetry (3)

ENG 341 American Literature: 1865-Present (3)

General Studies Option (18-23 units)

This option is available by consultation with the Department Chair and by petition only. The student and Department Chair will design a course of study with courses that are closely related to form an in depth area of study.

Human Development Option (12 units)

Required Courses (6 units)

PSY 350 Child Psychology (3)

SOC 322 Social Environment of Education (3)

Select one of the following

PSY 351 Psychology of Adolescent Experience (3)

or

PSY 382 Psychological Development of the Black Child (3)

Select one of the following

SOC 369 Juvenile Delinquency (3)

or

SOC 321 Sociology Of Education (3)

or

BIO 380 Biology of Childhood and Adolescence (3)

Mathematics Option (13 units)

Note: MAT 171 Survey of Calculus for Management and Life Sciences (4) or any mathematics course used to complete the mathematics major, such as MAT 191 Calculus I (5) or MAT 193 Calculus II (5), may be substituted for any of the courses listed in the Mathematics Option above.

1. Required courses (7 units)

MAT 207 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Geometry & Statistics (4)

MAT 153 Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry (4)

2. Select two courses from the following (6 units)

MAT 131 Elementary Statistics and Probability (3)

MAT 141 Computers for Mathematics Teaching (3)

MAT 143 Problem Solving in Mathematics (3)

Natural Science Option (14 units)

1. Required Courses (8 units)

PHY 300 Physical Science for Teachers (4)

CHE 102 Chemistry For The Citizen (3)

CHE 103 Chemistry Lab for the Citizen (1)

2. Select one of the following (3 units)

GEO 315 The Weather (3)

or

EAR 100 Physical Geology (3)

3. Select one of the following (3 units)

BIO 336 Environmental Biology (3)

or

BIO 254 Human Biology (3)

Physical Education Option (12 units)**1. Required upper division courses (8 units)**

KIN 305 Motor Learning (3)
 KIN 425 Pe In The Elementary Sch (3)
 KIN 426 Directed Teaching in Elementary Physical Education (2)

2. Select two (2) courses from the following (2 units)

KIN 111 Aerobics (1)
 KIN 113 Social and Folk Dance Activity (1)
 KIN 132 Gymnastics (1)

3. Select two (2) courses from the following (2 units)

KIN 118 Basketball (1)
 KIN 150 Soccer/Outdoor (1)
 KIN 152 Softball (1)
 KIN 164 Volleyball (1)

Spanish Option (12 - 24 units)**A1. Lower Division Prerequisites (0 - 12 units)**

SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3)
 SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3)
 SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3)
 SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)

A2. Lower Division Required Course (3 units)

SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3)

Note: Students must take SPA 280 Grammar for Spanish Composition (3) at CSUDH

B. Upper Division Required Courses (9 units)

SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)
 SPA 341 Advanced Conversation (3)
 SPA 351 Contemporary Hispanic Culture: Spanish-Speaking America (3)

Note: Students take beginning and intermediate Spanish courses (SPA 110 Beginning Spanish I (3), SPA 111 Beginning Spanish II (3), SPA 220 Intermediate Spanish I (3), and SPA 221 Intermediate Spanish II (3)) as needed - those who have completed two, three, or four years of high-school Spanish or any community college Spanish will be placed in the appropriate semester of college Spanish in consultation with a departmental advisor. Students may get credit for some of these courses through the Advanced Placement Examination in either Language or Literature, and/or by challenging them (but never in descending order), and/or by transferring equivalent courses from other institutions.

Upper Division Required Courses: Students must take courses at CSUDH.

Special Option (12 units)

A special option, consisting of at least four courses and a minimum of 12 units, in a relevant subject matter area, may be petitioned by the student for consideration.

Theatre Arts Option (12 units)**Degree Roadmap****1. Required Upper Division Courses (6 units)**

THE 337 Creative Dramatics (3)
 THE 339 Multicultural Children's Theatre (3)

2. Elective Courses (6 units)

Select two courses from the following (6 units)
 THE 320 Speech Skills and Techniques (3)
 THE 346 Theatre Workshop (3)
 THE 353 Playwriting (3)
 THE 355 World Theatre and Drama I (3)

THE 357 World Theatre & Drama II (3)

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies: Integrated (Multiple Subject) Option

The Integrated Option integrates Liberal Studies subject matter with Teacher Education methods. The Integrated Option leads to a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, as well as a Multiple Subject Credential. Students in this option must complete a Depth of Study and be accepted into the Multiple Subject Credential program. The total number of units for the B.A. and the Credential is 135 units.

Students must pass all courses with a grade of "C" or higher in order to successfully meet the degree requirements.

Please see an advisor for more details about the Integrated Option.

Core Requirements (71 units)**A. Area I- Language and Literature (12 units)****1. Select one course from the following (3 units)**

ANT 312 Language And Culture (3)
 or
 ENG 487 Introduction to Second-Language Learning and Teaching (3)
 or
 SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)

SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3) Option only

2. Required Courses (9 units)

ENG 305 Critical Reading of Literature (3)
 ENG 308 Critical Approaches to Children's Literature (3)
 TED 407 Languages in Praxis (3)

B. Area II - Mathematics and Science (19 units)

BIO 102 General Biology (3)
 BIO 103 General Biology Laboratory (1)
 LBS 380 Blended Science Methods (4)
 MAT 107 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Real Numbers (3)
 MAT 207 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Geometry & Statistics (4)
 PHY 300 Physical Science for Teachers (4)

C. Area III - History and Social Science (14 units)

LBS 205 Child and Adolescent Development (3)
 HIS 120 World History I (3)
 or
 ANT 102 Ancient Civilizations (3)
 LBS 375 The California Experience (3)
 LBS 370 Multicultural Studies (5)

D. Area IV - Visual and Performing Arts (9 units)**1. Select one of the following courses (3 units)**

ART 100 Looking At Art (3)
 THE 100 Television Film & Theatre (3)
 DAN 130 Global Dance Perspectives (3)
 MUS 101 Introducing Music (3)

2. Select one of the following courses (3 units)

ART 301 Arts/Crafts For Non-Major (3)
 DAN 440 Dance for Children (3)
 KIN 447 Dan Educ in the Elem School (3)
 MUS 340 Music For Children (3)
 MUS 440 Intro To Orff Schulwerk (3)

- THE 337 Creative Dramatics (3)
- THE 339 Multicultural Children's Theatre (3)

*Note: Student must choose a course in a different discipline than for the lower division visual and performing arts course.

3. Required Course (3 units)

- LBS 405 Engineering and the Arts in the Elementary (3)

E. Area V- Professional Development (17 units)

- LBS 203 Introduction to Teaching: Becoming a Transformative Educator (3)
- LBS 302 Responsive Teaching and Classroom Management (3)
- LBS 402 Liberal Studies Integrated Capstone (2)
- KIN 425 Pe In The Elementary Sch (3)
- SPE 480 Educating Exceptional Children and Youth (3)

Depth of Study (12 units)

Students must select and complete one of the approved options of in-depth areas of study of a relevant subject area. Each option consists of a minimum of 12 units. Students are required to meet with a departmental advisor to fulfill this requirement.

Integrated Multiple Subject Option

Required Courses (25 units)

- SPE 482 Educating Students with Special Needs within Inclusive Settings (3)
- TED 403 Elementary Reading/Language Arts I: K-3 (3)
- TED 410 Elementary Mathematics Methods (3)
- TED 412 Teaching History-Social Studies and Content Area Literacy in the Elementary Classroom (4)
- TED 433 Teaching Practices Seminar: Multiple Subject Student Teaching (3)
- TED 437 Elem Stu Teaching (integrated) (9) (LBS Integrated Option Only)

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies ITEP Mild/Moderated Disabilities Option

The ITEP Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Disabilities Option integrates Liberal Studies subject matter with Special Education coursework and methods. The ITEP option leads to a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, as well as, an Education Specialist Credential in Mild/Moderate Disabilities. Students in this option must also complete a Depth of Study in *Educating Children with Disabilities* and be accepted into the Special Education Credential Program. The B.A. and Credential are a total of 135 units.

Students must complete all courses with a grade of "C" or higher to successfully meet the degree requirements.

Please see a departmental advisor for more details about the ITEP Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Disabilities.

Core Requirements (66 units)

A. Area I- Language and Literature (12 units)

1. Select one course from the following (3 units)

- ANT 312 Language And Culture (3)
- or
- ENG 487 Introduction to Second-Language Learning and Teaching (3)
- or
- SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3)

SPA 311 Structure Of Spanish (3) Spanish Option only

2. Required Courses (9 units)

- ENG 305 Critical Reading of Literature (3)
- ENG 308 Critical Approaches to Children's Literature (3)
- TED 407 Languages in Praxis (3)

B. Area II - Mathematics and Science (19 units)

- BIO 102 General Biology (3)
- BIO 103 General Biology Laboratory (1)
- LBS 380 Blended Science Methods (4)
- MAT 107 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Real Numbers (3)
- MAT 207 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: Geometry & Statistics (4)
- PHY 300 Physical Science for Teachers (4)

C. Area III - History and Social Science (14 units)

- LBS 205 Child and Adolescent Development (3)
- LBS 370 Multicultural Studies (5)
- HIS 120 World History I (3)
- or
- ANT 102 Ancient Civilizations (3)
- LBS 375 The California Experience (3)

D. Area IV - Visual and Performing Arts (9 units)

1. Select one of the following courses (3 units)

- ART 100 Looking At Art (3)
- THE 100 Television Film & Theatre (3)
- DAN 130 Global Dance Perspectives (3)
- MUS 101 Introducing Music (3)

2. Select one of the following courses (3 units)

- ART 301 Arts/Crafts For Non-Major (3)
- DAN 440 Dance for Children (3)
- KIN 447 Dan Educ in the Elem School (3)
- MUS 340 Music For Children (3)
- MUS 440 Intro To Orff Schulwerk (3)
- THE 337 Creative Dramatics (3)
- THE 339 Multicultural Children's Theatre (3)

*Note: Student must choose a course in a different discipline than for the lower division visual and performing arts course.

3. Required Course (3 units)

- LBS 405 Engineering and the Arts in the Elementary (3)

E. Area V- Professional Development (12 units)

- LBS 203 Introduction to Teaching: Becoming a Transformative Educator (3)
- LBS 302 Responsive Teaching and Classroom Management (3)
- KIN 425 Pe In The Elementary Sch (3)
- SPE 480 Educating Exceptional Children and Youth (3)

Depth of Study (12 units)

Students are required to complete a Depth of Study in Educating Children with Disabilities (*see above*).

ITEP Education Specialist in Mild /Moderate Disabilities (27 units)

Requirements List

- SPE 403 Reading and Language Arts Instruction for K-12 Students with Disabilities (3)
- SPE 405 Collaborating to Develop Self Determined Learners (3)
- SPE 456 Field Experience in General and Special Education (3)
- SPE 467 Assessment of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (3)

SPE 468 Instructional Strategies for Individuals with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (3)

SPE 479 Student Teaching of Individuals with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (9)

TED 410 Elementary Mathematics Methods (3)