

Education — Liberal Studies

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B.A. in Liberal Studies

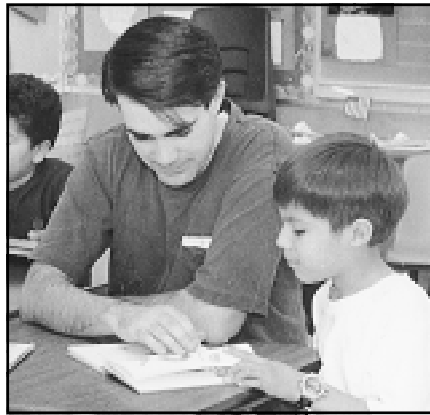
The Program

The aim of a liberal studies education program is to develop in students an appreciation and understanding of the arts, the sciences, the humanities, and the various cultures that compose the area serviced by California State University, Fresno. A study of the liberal arts teaches ways of thinking, exploring, understanding, and seeing the world from the perspective of others.

The primary mission of the Liberal Studies Program is to provide a strong knowledge-based education in the liberal arts that will provide subject matter preparation for elementary teaching or foundation preparation for other professions such as law, medicine, journalism, and various fields of public service.

Students completing the requirements with the appropriate grade point average will satisfy the California requirements for the Multiple Subject Equivalency and will not be required to take and pass the Multiple Subject Assessment for Teachers (MSAT) exam. Students can proceed directly into the Multiple Subject Credential Program after passing the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) and meeting other credential program admission requirements. Consult the Multiple Subject program adviser in ED 100.

The blended program option blends subject matter preparation and teacher preparation by offering coursework in both areas concurrently, and in a connected manner. This major has been designed to fully comply with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing standards for a subject matter preparation program for elementary teachers. Candidates who meet a special set of criteria may apply to the credential program.



Faculty

The liberal studies degree program faculty represent a broad cross-section of academic disciplines. At present many different departments offer courses that can be applied toward this major. The initial point of contact is the Liberal Studies Office in ED 151.

Career Opportunities

Liberal studies majors preparing for careers in elementary teaching should expect to find a favorable job market. Recent statistical reports for the Central Valley provide evidence that the area population is continuing to grow along with the number of school-aged children. This pattern of growth, along with anticipated attrition from the teaching profession, provides ample support of a continuing need for well-prepared, credentialed elementary teachers.

Liberal studies majors not planning careers in teaching will find that a number of area employers are seeking prospective employees with a broader vision of the world, not normally provided by a narrow specialization. Opportunities are available in people-oriented jobs such as public relations, personnel, medicine, etc.

As liberal studies candidates prepare for entrance into the teaching profession or other careers, they are provided expert assistance from the campus Career Services Office. Assistance in preparing placement files, preparing for job interviews, and searching for suitable employment is readily available for each candidate.

Scholarship Requirement

Liberal studies majors who plan to obtain a Multiple Subject Credential (elementary teaching) must earn a high GPA as a condition for admission to a teacher education program.

For additional information regarding admission to the Multiple Subject Credential Programs, contact the SOEHD Teacher Preparation and Services Center in ED 100.

Credential Programs

Liberal studies students who wish to complete a credential program that will lead to authorization to teach in an elementary school must follow a specific course of study. Students may wish to use their electives to begin work on prerequisites for one of the following preliminary credential programs:

- Multiple Subject Credential with CLAD emphasis
- Multiple Subject Credential with BCLAD emphasis
- Multiple Subject Credential — emphasis in Early Childhood Education
- Special Education

Program Advisement

Liberal studies majors are expected to attend a group orientation describing the program during their first semester on campus. Dates for orientation sessions are posted outside ED 151 or can be obtained by calling (559) 278-0270. These orientations, which are scheduled regularly each term, enable students to understand major requirements and ensure effective planning of their coursework. Students seeking individual advisement (customarily following the group orientation) can call the Liberal Studies Office.

In addition, all students should purchase the Liberal Studies Handbook, available in the Kennel Bookstore.

Freshmen. Follow the catalog description for General Education and select from appropriate categories.

Transfer Students. Select upper-division courses from the liberal studies major requirements. An official university evaluation of your prior work (DARS) will be completed in the first semester, and you will be notified by mail. Attend a group orientation as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition into the Liberal Studies Program.

Liberal Studies Program

Liberal Studies offers a flexible program for students who want to obtain broad knowledge through studying a variety of subjects and for those interested in becoming elementary school teachers. All liberal studies students complete the same program of 93-102 units of general education and major courses but then have several ways in which they may complete their degree. For those pursuing a Multiple Subject Credential, most of the credential courses may be included in the major and all could be included in a carefully planned four-year program.

Attention: The Liberal Studies Degree/ Multiple Subject Credential listed here is correct as of the time of publication of this catalog. As teacher education programs are subject to state and system legislative control, it is recommended that students interested in the credential consult the Liberal Studies Program office of the School of Education and Human Development for current program requirements.

Blended Program

The Blended Program blends both General Education and most of the Multiple Subject Credential coursework into the major. Completion of the credential also requires completion of EHD 160C — Student Teaching. Courses satisfying General Education requirements are indicated by the G.E. are in parentheses.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Liberal Studies Major Units

Major requirements 93-100

<i>Core</i>	15
COMM 3, 7, or 8	
[all A1]	(3)
ENGL 1 [A2]	(3)
PHIL 28 [A3]	(3)
MATH 10A [B4], 10B	(3)
<i>Breadth</i>	51-52
Mathematics/Science	(17)
MATH 100; N SCI	
1A [B1, 3], 1B [B2,	
3], 115, [IB], 116	
Arts and Humanities... (13-15)	
ART 20, 40, 50; MU-	
SIC 9; ENGL 41, 43;	
or DRAMA 22	
[all C1]	(3-4)

ENGL 101, 102,	
or 103 [IC]	(4)
Two of: HUM 10,	
LING 11, one foreign	
language course at	
level 1B or above	
[all C2]	(6)
Social Sciences	(21)
HIST 1, 11 [D1]; PL	
SI 2 [D2], GEOG 4	
[D3]; ECON 165;	
S SCI 110 [ID], 180	
[M/I]	
<i>Application courses</i>	18-19
C SCI 5, 7; or IS 50	(3)
CFS 38 [E1]	(3)
DRAMA 137, ART 179,	
MUSIC 153, or DANCE	
160	(3)
COMM 114 or	
ENGL 104	(3-4)
CFS 133S, PSYCH 169,	
or RLS 125	(3)
KINES 152	(3)
<i>Concentrations (select one)</i>	9-14
Consult your adviser for a list	
of concentrations.	

General Education

All requirements of the General Education Program applicable to the 1999-2000 and subsequent catalogs are met by courses in this program (courses labeled by G.E. area).

Electives and remaining degree requirements¹ 24-31

Students should satisfy the Upper-Division Writing Requirement either by passing the exam or successfully completing a *W* course.

Total **124**

Non-Credential Students

Elective units may be used for a dual major.

Credential Students

It is recommended that elective units be used to begin the Professional Preparation requirements or for a dual major.

Multiple Subjects

Professional Preparation	(37-39)
EHD 50	(0-2)
CLAD/BCLAD Preparation:	
LEE 133 or LING 133 ... (3)	
Credential Courses	(34)
EHD 110; ERF 130, 140;	
LEE 146, 149; CTET 121,	
125, 150; EHD 160	

Students who want to become elementary school teachers must obtain admission to the credential courses. EHD 50 (2 units) is a prerequisite for admission to the credential program, although students with appropriate experience may be allowed to waive it. Consult a liberal studies adviser.

See “Preliminary Multiple Subject Credential — Requirements for Admission to Student Teaching” on page 249 for admission criteria.

Basic Admission Requirements for the Liberal Studies Blended Program Credential Coursework:

- Attained 45-60 cumulative units
- CBEST taken
- 2.67 cumulative grade point average
- Two letters of recommendation
- Faculty interview
- Evidence of writing proficiency
- Spoken English proficiency
- Completion of campus-designated lower-division prerequisite coursework to include the following: EHD 50; N SCI 1A, 1B; MATH 10A; PHIL 28; LING 11 or Area C2 foreign language course; CFS 38

In order to apply to the credential program, Liberal Studies Blended Program majors must meet the basic admission requirements for the Multiple Subject Credential Program. Students who do not meet these requirements, but want to continue pursuing a teaching credential, must consult a liberal studies adviser and work toward qualification through an Admission by Agreement Plan.

Dual Major: Credential and non-credential students may complete the degree with a dual major. See a liberal studies adviser and an adviser in your other major field for details.

Advising Notes

1. The upper-division writing skills requirement must be taken no sooner than the term in which 60 units of coursework are completed. See *Degree Requirements*.
2. Liberal Studies majors who plan to obtain a Multiple Subject Credential (elementary teaching) should attend a Multiple Subject orientation by signing up in ED 100 during the semester prior to entering the credential program.