**LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM**
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## Program Description

The 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.

The blended program allows students the opportunity to blend subject matter preparation and teacher preparation by offering coursework in both areas concurrently.

## 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 100.

## 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 show that the area population and the number of school-aged children continue to grow. This pattern of growth, along with anticipated attrition from the teaching profession will require additional 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) or Education Specialist Credential (special education) must earn a high GPA and meet other prerequisite requirements as conditions for admission to a teacher education program. For additional information regarding admission to the credential programs, contact the Education Student Services Center in ED 100 or visit the KSOEHD Web site at *http://education.csufresno.edu*.

## 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 one of the following preliminary credential programs:

- Multiple Subject Credential
- Multiple Subject Credential with BCLAD emphasis
- Multiple Subject Credential - emphasis in Early Childhood Education
- Education Specialist Credential (Special Education)

## Program Advisement

Liberal studies majors are expected to attend a group orientation describing the program before their first semester on campus. Dates for orientation sessions are posted at *www.FresnoStateDogDays.com*. 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 Education Student Services Center at 559.278.0300. 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 Report) will be completed 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 Blended Program

The Blended Program blends or integrates three elements — the General Education program, the courses required in the liberal studies major, and the courses required for teacher preparation — which can result in a B.A. in Liberal Studies and a preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential or Educational Specialist Credential. All liberal studies students complete the same program of 99-103 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 or Educational Specialist Credential, most of the credential courses may be included in a carefully planned four-year program.

***Attention***: The liberal studies degree 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 Education Student Services Center of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development for current program requirements.

Those intending to complete the bachelor's degree and not teach, should enroll only in the courses listed in the major requirements. However, they will have units remaining for elective or double major work. Those intending to teach should enroll in both the major requirements and each of the courses listed under the credential requirements.

## Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

*Liberal Studies Major* *Units*

**Major Requirements.....99-103**

*General Education Areas.....51-52*

[A1] COMM 3, 7, or 8 .....(3)
[A2] ENGL 5B or 10 .....(3)
[A3] Any certified A3 course .....(3)
[B1] NSCI 1A .....(3)
[B2] BIOL 10.....(3)
[B4] MATH 10A.....(3)
[C1] ART 1; ARTH 10 and 11; MUSIC 9, 74; or DRAMA 62 .....(3)
[C1 or C2] ENGL 20, 30; HUM 10, 11 .....(3-4)
[C2] HIST 20* .....(3)
[D1] HIST 11 .....(3)
[D2] PLSI 2 .....(3)
[D3] GEOG 4 .....(3)
[E] CFS 39 .....(3)
[IB] NSCI 115 .....(3)
[IC] IAS 108 .....(3)
[ID] SSCI 110 .....(3)
[MI] SSCI 180 .....(3)

*Other Major Requirements.....39*

CSCI 5, 7, or IS 52, 52L .....(3)
KINES 152 .....(3)
LING 11 .....(3)
MATH 10B.....(3)
PSYCH 169, SPED 120, or RLS 125.....(3)
ART 179, MUSIC 153, DRAMA 136, 137, or DANCE 160 .....(3)
ENGL 117W .....(3)
CI 100.....(3)
COMM 114.....(3)
ECON 165 .....(3)
LING 132 .....(3)
MATH 100 .....(3)
GEOL 9 .....(3)

*Concentrations* (select one).....*9-12*

Consult your adviser for a list of concentrations. All concentrations require a total of 12 units. In most cases, the initial 3 units are fulfilled by the "lead-in" course which is found in the major. Courses taken for G.E. credit cannot count toward the concentration.

**Electives and remaining degree requirements .....21-25**

Electives may be used to satisfy Multiple Subject or Education Specialist Credential Program requirements as listed in the copy that follows.

**Total ..... 124**

* HIST 20 is G.E. Area C2 for liberal studies students only. (For all other students, HIST 20 is G.E. Area D3.)

*Visual and Performing Arts Requirement Note*

Selection of a visual and performing arts course in the major (ART 179, MUSIC 153, DRAMA 136, 137 ***or*** DANCE 160) must be from a discipline that is different from that taken to meet G.E. Area C1.

## Multiple Subject Credential

**Professional Preparation**

- Prerequisite: EHD 50.
- For students pursuing a credential and a degree simultaneously, the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) must be passed prior to enrollment in final student teaching (EHD 170 or SPED 175/176). For students pursuing a Multiple Subject/Specialist Credential ***after*** completion of a degree, the CSET must be passed as one condition for admission to the program.
- **Courses**
  CI 171, 175, 176; EHD 170, 174, 178; LEE 172, 173, 177; SPED 179

**Total ..... 34**

*Note*: Consult adviser for sequencing of courses.

## Education Specialist Credential

**Professional Preparation**

- **Courses**
  CI 171; LEE 173, 177; EHD 178; SPED 120, 125, 130, 135, 145, 155, 175/176; other approved courses

**Total ..... 38**

For additional information regarding admission to the Multiple Subject or Education Specialist Credential programs, contact the Education Student Services Center in ED 100 or visit the KSOEHD Web site at *http://education.csufresno.edu*.

Liberal Studies majors who plan to obtain a credential should attend an orientation by signing up in the Education Student Services Center in ED 100 during the semester prior to entering the credential program.