Programs in Liberal Studies
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Program Description
The Liberal Studies degree requires a broad-based liberal arts experience. Four of the five Liberal Studies emphases are designed to satisfy pre-teaching credential requirements. These emphases prepare students for passage of the subject matter examination that candidates must pass in order to receive a credential required to teach in grades K-6 in the public schools.

Students in the credential emphases complete a set of core courses and additional coursework in one of the four emphases:

In the traditional Pre-Credential emphasis, students complete the Liberal Studies credential core and a minor in a discipline of their choice. Many students in this option will apply for and complete a one-year multiple subjects credential program offered by CSUB or another CCTC-accredited school after graduation.

In the IBEST (Integrated Baccalaureate for Excellence in Studies and Teaching) Integrated Program Credential emphasis, students complete the Liberal Studies credential core then take additional pedagogy courses in the Multiple Subjects Credential Program (MSCP) at CSUB, enabling them to complete an integrated program of study in about four years. Students in this program have the opportunity to begin their experience in the elementary classroom in their first year, and continue to develop their expertise as teachers through multiple field experiences while completing the BA degree. Students graduate with both a BA in Liberal Studies and a Level 1 (Preliminary) Multiple Subject credential.

In the ISPED Integrated Special Education Credential emphasis, students also complete courses in the Liberal Studies core then take additional courses in the Special Education program at CSUB, enabling them to complete an integrated program of study in about four years. Students graduate with both a BA in Liberal Studies and a Preliminary Special Education credential.

Students in Liberal Studies with a Subject Matter Equivalency emphasis complete the Liberal Studies credential core and an additional set of courses approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), called an Introductory Subject Matter Authorization. The completion of the authorization coursework along with the Liberal Studies core, allows a student who is accepted and completes a credential program after graduation to teach not only grades K-6 in multiple subjects, but also grades 6-9 in the area of subject matter authorization. Introductory subject matter authorization options are offered in science, mathematics, and English. This emphasis requires students to complete the BA in Liberal Studies, followed by a one-year Multiple Subjects Credential program at CSUB or another CCTC-accredited school; this normally takes a minimum of five years.

Because the Liberal Studies credential emphases prepare students for a state licensed credential, requirements may be changed by state mandate at any time.

The non-credential Liberal Studies emphasis is called the General emphasis. Most students undertaking this degree emphasis seek a baccalaureate degree and no credential later on. This degree emphasis is for the student who wants a general and non-specialized program that provides opportunities to study a broad range of subjects in the arts and sciences.

CSUB Liberal Studies Program Philosophy and Learning Objectives
The Liberal Studies Program is based on a conception of a well-educated person, and focuses on significant ideas, structures and values within its various disciplines. Coursework throughout the program emphasizes the study of broad concepts and principles that encompass and illuminate the areas of human learning.

Liberal Studies Objectives
Although the Liberal Studies program is not designed exclusively as academic preparation for students who plan to teach in the elementary schools, it fosters knowledge and understanding of the academic subjects that are commonly taught in elementary schools: language, literature, mathematics, science, social science, history, the visual and performing arts, and physical education. In addition, since elementary education deals with young human beings, students must have a knowledge and understanding of human development. Since a Liberal Arts education examines essentially the same areas of knowledge as our teacher concentrations, the learning objectives for the General emphasis parallels those for the credential emphases.

Core Course Requirements for the Major in Liberal Studies
Area One: Language
1. Composition
   a. ENGL 1109
2. Literature
   a. ENGL 4400 or THTR 3300
3. Oral Communication
   a. COMM 1008
4. Linguistics
   a. ENGL 3620
   b. ENGL 3630
Area Two: Mathematics
1. Mathematical Concepts
   a. MATH 3110
   b. MATH 3120

Area Three: Sciences
1. Life Sciences
   a. BIOL 1009
2. Physical Sciences
   a. SCI 1100
   b. SCI 1600
3. Earth Science
   a. SCI 2310
4. Integrated Science Principles
   a. SCI 3010
   b. SCI 3310

Area Four: Humanities and Social Sciences
1. US History and Government
   a. HIST 1218
   b. PLSI 1018
   c. HIST 2100
2. World Civilization
   a. HIST 1418
3. Cultural Geography
   a. PLSI 3370
4. Social Studies
   a. LBST 3600
5. Critical Thinking
   a. PHIL 1019 or 2019 or SCI 1409 or SOC 1018

Area Five: Visual and Performing Arts (Must have one in each area)
   a. (Select one) ART 1009 or MUS 1019 or THTR 1109
   b. (Select two) ART 3100 or MUS 3060 or THTR 3310

Area Six: Health and Physical Sciences
a. KINE 3340

Area Seven: Understanding Development of the Child
a. CAFS 2000

Area Eight: Public Education and Teaching
a. LBST 3300
b. LBST 4900

Area Nine: Emphases (Select one)
   a. Traditional Pre-Credential Emphasis
   b. IBEST Integrated Program Credential Emphasis
   c. ISPED Integrated Special Education Credential Emphasis
   d. Subject Matter Equivalency Emphasis

Liberal Studies Degree Emphases
9A. Traditional Pre-Credential Emphasis
This option is a traditional four-year degree that satisfies the approved pre-credential Multiple Subjects requirements. The degree satisfies all University requirements, although care must be taken to ensure that certain electives truly do double count for major and University requirements if that is the student’s intention.

Total Units Required to Graduate 120 units
Core Course Requirements 82 units
  Lower Division 38
  Upper Division 44
Minor Requirements 12 units
General Education Requirements 3-8 units
  First-Year Seminar 2
  LD Area A Foundational Skills 0*
  LD Area B Natural Sciences 0*
  LD Area C Arts and Humanities 0*
  LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences 0*
  American Institutions 0*
  SELF 1-3
  Junior Year Diversity Requirement 0*
  UD Thematic Areas B and C 0*
  Capstone 0*
  GWAR (Exam) or Class 0-3**
Additional Elective Units 18-23 units
*May be satisfied in major. **GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies: Pre-Credential Emphases
1. Core Course Requirements (82 units)
2. Minor Requirements (12 units)
   A minor is required, selected from one of the following two options:
   a. A minor consisting of at least 12 semester units within a minor program designed by another discipline, such as a minor in Child, Adolescent and Family Studies (CAFS) or Children’s Literature (English).
   b. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one of the specially developed areas (see “Interdisciplinary Concentrations and Minors”)
3. General Education Requirements (3-8 units)
   a. CSUB 1009
   b. CSUB 1019
   c. SELF Course
   d. GWAR Exam or class
4. Additional Elective Units (18-21 units)
   Students must complete a minimum of six courses from the following list of courses:
   a. ART 3100
   b. CMPS 1200
   c. CRJU 3608
   d. EDTE 3000
   e. EDTE 3308
   f. EDTE 4100
   g. EDTE 4200
   h. ENGL 3650
   i. ENGL 4400
   j. ENGL 4410
   k. ENGL 4420
   l. ENGL 4430
m. ENGL 4440
n. ENGL 4648
o. ENGL 4620
p. ENGL 4650
q. HIST 3110
r. HIST 3120
s. HIST 3130
t. MUS 3060
u. PSYC 3250
v. PSYC 3318
w. PSYC 3420
x. SOC 3510
y. SOC 3630
z. SOC 4510
aa. THTR 3300
bb. THTR 3310

9B. IBEST Integrated Program Credential Emphasis
This option enables the student to complete most of their multiple subjects’ courses during the Freshman and Sophomore years and to do their credential coursework during the final two years as an undergraduate, the bulk in the senior year. The degree satisfies all University requirements, although care must be taken to ensure that certain electives double count for major and University requirements if that is the student’s intention. The credential program requires a 3.00 GPA throughout the program.

Total Units Required to Graduate: 124-132 units
Core Course Requirements: 82 units
  Lower Division: 38
  Upper Division: 44
General Education Requirements: 3-8 units
  First-Year Seminar: 2
  LD Area A Foundational Skills: 0*
  LD Area B Natural Sciences: 0*
  LD Area C Arts and Humanities: 0*
  LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences: 0*
  American Institutions: 0*
  SELF: 1-3
  Junior Year Diversity Requirement: 0*
  UD Thematic Areas A and C: 0*
  Capstone: 0*
  GWAR (Exam) or Class: 0-3**
Additional Credential Units: 39-42 units
  *May be satisfied in major. **GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies: IBEST Integrated Program Credential
1. Core Course Requirements (82 units)
   a. CSUB 1009
   b. CSUB 1019
   c. SELF Course
   d. GWAR Exam or class

2. Additional Credential Units (39-42 units)
   In addition to the Liberal Studies Credential Concentration Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the IBEST Integrated Program Credential must complete all of the following additional courses:
   a. EDTE 3000 or 3100
   b. EDTE 4100
   c. EDTE 4200
   d. EDTE 4310
   e. EDTE 4320
   f. EDTE 4330
   g. EDTE 4340
   h. EDEL 5100
   i. EDEL 5200
   j. EDEL 5300
   k. EDEL 5400
   l. EDEL 5500
   m. EDEL 5800

9C. ISPED Integrated Special Education Credential Emphasis
This option enables the student to complete the Liberal Studies BA and a Preliminary Education Specialists Credential in Mild/Moderate Disabilities in a four-year program. Most of the subject matter courses are in the first two years and the credential courses in the second two years, the bulk in the senior year. The degree satisfies all University requirements, although care must be taken to ensure that certain electives truly do double count for major and University requirements if that is the student’s intention. The credential program requires a 3.00 GPA while the student is enrolled.

Total Units Required to Graduate: 130-140 units
Core Course Requirements: 82 units
  Lower Division: 38
  Upper Division: 44
General Education Requirements: 3-8 units
  First-Year Seminar: 2
  LD Area A Foundational Skills: 0*
  LD Area B Natural Sciences: 0*
  LD Area C Arts and Humanities: 0*
  LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences: 0*
  American Institutions: 0*
  SELF: 1-3
  Junior Year Diversity Requirement: 0*
  UD Thematic Areas A and C: 0*
  Capstone: 0*
  GWAR (Exam) or Class: 0-3**
Additional Credential Units: 45-50 units
  *May be satisfied in major. **GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.
Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies: ISPED Integrated Special Education Credential Program

1. **Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
2. **General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
   a. CSUB 1009
   b. CSUB 1019
   c. SELF Course
   d. GWAR Exam or class
3. **Additional Credential Units** (45-50 units)
   In addition to the Liberal Studies Credential Concentration Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the ISPED Integrated Program Credential must complete all of the following additional courses:
   a. EDTE 4100
   b. EDSP 4250
   c. EDSP 4260
   d. EDSP 4800
   e. EDSP 5250
   f. EDSP 5230
   g. EDSP 5050
   h. EDSP 5100
   i. EDSP 5320 or 5450
   j. EDEL 5100
   k. EDEL 5200
   l. EDSP 6840 or 6850 or 6860

9D. **Subject Matter Equivalency Emphasis**
This option is a traditional four-year degree that satisfies the approved pre-credential Multiple Subjects requirements and at the same time replaces the Depth Concentration with a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing defined Subject Matter Authorization in Introductory Mathematics or Introductory Sciences or Introductory English. The degree satisfies all University requirements, although care must be taken to insure that certain electives double count for major and University requirements if that is the student’s intention.

The following course patterns were developed with home departments/schools to align with the requirements of the CCTC for subject matter authorization.

**Introductory Subject Matter Authorization in Science**

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Capstone 0*
GWAR (Exam) or Class 0-3**
Subject Matter Authorization Area 30 units
Additional Elective Units 0-5 units

*May be satisfied in major. **GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies: Subject Matter Equivalency Degree for Grades K-6 Multiple Subjects or Grades 6-9 Single Subject: Science

1. **Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
2. **General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
   a. CSUB 1009
   b. CSUB 1019
   c. SELF Course
   d. GWAR Exam or class
3. **Subject Matter Authorization Area** (30 units)
   In addition to the Liberal Studies Credential Concentration Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the Subject Matter Equivalency Degree in Science must complete all of the following additional courses:
   a. BIOL 2110 or BIOL 2120
   b. BIOL 2010
   c. CHEM 1000
   d. CHEM 1001
   e. Two of: CHEM 1100, 1600, 2200, 2300
   f. GEOL 2010
   g. GEOL 2040
   h. PHYS 2110
   i. PHYS 2120
4. **Additional Elective Units** (0-5 units)
   Students must complete a minimum of three courses from the following list of courses:
   a. ART 3100
   b. CMPS 1200
   c. CRJU 3608
   d. EDTE 3000
   e. EDTE 3308
   f. EDTE 4100
   g. EDTE 4200
   h. ENGL 3650
   i. ENGL 4400
   j. ENGL 4410
   k. ENGL 4420
   l. ENGL 4430
   m. ENGL 4440
   n. ENGL 4649
   o. ENGL 4620
   p. ENGL 4650
   q. HIST 3110
   r. HIST 3120
   s. HIST 3130
   t. MUS 3060
   u. PSYC 3250
v. PSYC 3318
w. PSYC 3420
x. SOC 3510
y. SOC 3630
z. SOC 4510
aa. THTR 3300
bb. THTR 3310

Introductory Subject Matter Authorization: English
Total Units Required to Graduate 120 units
Major Requirements 82 units
Lower Division 38
Upper Division 44
General Education Requirements 3-8 units
First-Year Seminar 2
LD Area A Foundational Skills 0*
LD Area B Natural Sciences 0*
LD Area C Arts and Humanities 0*
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences 0*
American Institutions 0*
SELF 1-3
Junior Year Diversity Requirement 0*
UD Thematic Areas B and C 0*
Capstone 0*
GWAR (Exam) or Class 0-3**
Subject Matter Authorization Area 21 units
Additional Elective Units 9-14 units

*May be satisfied in major. **GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies: Subject Matter Equivalency Degree for Grades K-6 Multiple Subjects or Grades 6-9 Single Subject: English

1. Core Course Requirements (82 units)
2. General Education Requirements (3-8 units)
   a. CSUB 1009
   b. CSUB 1019
   c. SELF Course
   d. GWAR Exam or class
3. Subject Matter Authorization Area (21 units)
   In addition to the Liberal Studies Credential Concentration Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the Subject Matter Equivalency Degree in English must complete the following additional courses:
   a. ENGL 3620
   b. ENGL 3650 or 4610 or 4620 or 4648 or 4650
   c. ENGL 3119
   d. ENGL 3630
   e. ENGL 4400 or THTR 3300
   f. COMM 1008
   g. THTR 3310
   h. ENGL 1208 or 2210 or 2310
   i. ENGL 3330
   j. ENGL 3220 or 3230 or 3248 or 3250
   k. ENGL 4100
4. Additional Elective Units (9-14 units)
   Students must complete a minimum of three courses from the following list of courses:
   a. ART 3100
   b. CMPS 1200
   c. CRJU 3608
   d. EDTE 3000
   e. EDTE 3308
   f. EDTE 4100
   g. EDTE 4200
   h. ENGL 3650
   i. ENGL 4400
   j. ENGL 4410
   k. ENGL 4420
   l. ENGL 4430
   m. ENGL 4440
   n. ENGL 4649
   o. ENGL 4620
   p. ENGL 4650
   q. HIST 3110
   r. HIST 3120
   s. HIST 3130
   t. MUS 3060
   u. PSYC 3250
   v. PSYC 3318
   w. PSYC 3420
   x. SOC 3510
   y. SOC 3630
   z. SOC 4510
   aa. THTR 3300
   bb. THTR 3310

Introductory Subject Matter Authorization: Mathematics
Total Units Required to Graduate 120 units
Major Requirements 82 units
Lower Division 38
Upper Division 44
General Education Requirements 3-8 units
First-Year Seminar 2
LD Area A Foundational Skills 0*
LD Area B Natural Sciences 0*
LD Area C Arts and Humanities 0*
LD Area D Social and Behavioral Sciences 0*
American Institutions 0*
SELF 1-3
Junior Year Diversity Requirement 0*
UD Thematic Areas B and C 0*
Capstone 0*
GWAR (Exam) or Class 0-3**
Subject Matter Authorization Area 24 units
Additional Elective Units 6-11 units
*May be satisfied in major. **GWAR may be satisfied with the exam or a class.