

LIBERAL STUDIES

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.

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

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

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

In the IBEST (Integrated Baccalaureate for Excellence in Studies and Teaching) emphasis, student's complete courses in the Liberal Studies core curriculum and pedagogy courses in the Multiple Subject 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) emphasis, students also complete courses in the Liberal Studies core curriculum and courses in the Special Education Credential 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 an Introductory Subject Matter Authorization emphasis complete the Liberal Studies core curriculum and an additional set of courses approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). The completion of the authorization coursework along with the Liberal Studies core curriculum, 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 their 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 Subject Credential program at CSUB or another CCTC-accredited school; this normally takes a minimum of five years.

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

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 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

Core Curriculum Requirements for the Teacher Preparation Emphases Studies

Area One: Language

1. Composition
 - a. ENGL 1109
2. Literature
 - a. ENGL 1208, 2210, 2220, 2308, 2408, or 2410 (May not apply to IBEST or ISPED)
 - b. 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 2120
 - 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. ECON 3550 or SOC 3300
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 (Select one of the following combinations)

- a. ART 1009, MUSC 3060, and THTR 3310
- b. MUS 1019, ART 3100, , and THTR 3310
- c. THTR 1109, ART 3100, and MUS 3060

Area Six: Health and Physical Sciences

- a. KINE 3340

Area Seven: Understanding Development of the Child

- a. CAFS 2000

Area Eight: Introductory Field Experience and Technology

- a. EDTE 3000 (Not for ISPED)
- b. CMPS 1200

Area Nine: Junior Year Diversity Reflection

- a. LBST 3300

Area Ten: Capstone

- a. LBST 4900

Area Eleven: Emphases (Select one)

- a. Traditional Teacher Preparation Emphasis
- b. IBEST Emphasis
- c. ISPED Emphasis
- d. Subject Matter Authorization Emphasis

Liberal Studies Degree Emphases

9A. Traditional Teacher Preparation Emphasis

This option is a traditional four-year degree that satisfies the approved teacher preparation emphasis. The degree satisfies all University requirements.

Total Units Required to Graduate

120 units

Core Course Requirements

82 units

Lower Division

38

Upper Division

44

Minor/Concentration

12 units

General Education Requirements

3-8 units

First-Year Seminars

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: Teacher Preparation Emphasis

1. **Core Course Requirements** (82 units)

2. **Minor/Concentration** (12 units)

A minor or concentration 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.
- b. A concentration developed with a Liberal Studies Advisor

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)

Please see a Liberal Studies Advisor for selection of additional elective units.

9B. IBEST Integrated Program Credential Emphasis

This option enables the student to complete most of their Liberal Studies courses during their Freshman and Sophomore years and their credential coursework during the final two years as an undergraduate, the bulk in the senior year. The degree satisfies all University requirements. The multiple subject credential program requires a 3.00 GPA in all credential coursework.

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*

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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 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

- Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
- General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
 - CSUB 1009
 - CSUB 1019
 - SELF Course
 - GWAR Exam or class
- Additional Credential Units** (39-42 units)
In addition to the Liberal Studies Teacher Preparation Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the IBEST Program must complete all of the following additional courses:
 - EDTE 3308
 - EDTE 4100
 - EDTE 4200
 - EDTE 4310
 - EDTE 4320
 - EDTE 4330
 - EDTE 4340
 - EDEL 5100
 - EDEL 5200
 - EDEL 5300
 - EDEL 5400
 - EDEL 5500
 - EDEL 5800

9C. ISPED Emphasis

This option enables the student to complete the Liberal Studies BA and a Preliminary Education Specialists Credential in Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe 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. The special education credential program requires a 3.00 GPA in all credential coursework.

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 B 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 Program

- Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
- General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
 - CSUB 1009
 - CSUB 1019
 - SELF Course
 - GWAR Exam or class
- 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:
 - EDTE 4100
 - EDSP 4250
 - EDSP 4260
 - EDSP 4800
 - EDSP 5250
 - EDSP 5230
 - EDSP 5050
 - EDSP 5100
 - EDSP 5320 or 5450
 - EDEL 5100
 - EDEL 5200
 - EDSP 6840 or 6850 or 6860

9D. Subject Matter Equivalency Emphasis

This option is a traditional four-year degree that satisfies the approved teacher preparation emphasis requirements and at the same time replaces the Minor or Concentration with a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing defined Subject Matter Authorization in Introductory Mathematics, Introductory Sciences, or Introductory English. The degree satisfies all University requirements. The following course patterns were developed with CSUB departments/schools to align with the requirements of the CCTC for subject matter authorization.

Introductory Subject Matter Authorization in Science	
Total Units Required to Graduate	120 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*
Capstone	0*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3**
Subject Matter Authorization	24 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

- Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
- General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
 - CSUB 1009
 - CSUB 1019
 - SELF Course
 - GWAR Exam or class
- Subject Matter Authorization Area** (32 units)
In addition to the Liberal Studies Teacher Preparation Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the Subject Matter Authorization Program in Science must complete all of the following courses:
 - BIOL 2110 or BIOL 2120
 - BIOL 2010
 - CHEM 1000
 - CHEM 1001
 - Two of: CHEM 1100, 1600, 2200, 2300
 - GEOL 2010
 - GEOL 2040
 - PHYS 2110
 - PHYS 2120
- Additional Elective Units** (0-5 units)
Please see a Liberal Studies Advisor for selection of additional elective units.

Introductory Subject Matter Authorization: English

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 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*
Capstone	0*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3**
Subject Matter Authorization	24 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

- Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
- General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
 - CSUB 1009
 - CSUB 1019
 - SELF Course
- Subject Matter Authorization Area** (21 units)
In addition to the Liberal Studies Teacher Preparation Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the Subject Matter Equivalency Degree in English must complete all the following additional courses:
 - ENGL 3620
 - ENGL 3650 or 4610 or 4620 or 4648 or 4650
 - ENGL 3119 (fulfills GWAR)
 - ENGL 3630
 - ENGL 4400 or THTR 3300
 - COMM 1008
 - THTR 3310
 - ENGL 1208 or 2210 or 2310
 - ENGL 3330
 - ENGL 3220 or 3230 or 3248 or 3250
 - ENGL 4100
- Additional Elective Units** (9-14 units)
Please see a Liberal Studies Advisor for selection of additional elective units.

Introductory Subject Matter Authorization: Mathematics

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 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*
Capstone	0*
GWAR (Exam) or Class	0-3**
Subject Matter Authorization	24 units

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Additional Elective Units

6-11 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: Mathematics

- Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
- General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
 - CSUB 1009
 - CSUB 1019
 - SELF Course
 - GWAR Exam or class
- Subject Matter Authorization Area** (32 units)

In addition to the Liberal Studies Credential Concentration Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the Subject Matter Equivalency Degree in Mathematics must complete the following additional courses:

 - MATH 1050 and MATH 1051
 - MATH 1060
 - MATH 2510 or MATH 2010
 - MATH 2520 or MATH 2020
 - MATH 2120
 - MATH 3120
 - MATH 1009
 - MATH 1209
- Additional Elective Units** (6-11 units)

Please see a Liberal Studies Advisor for selection of additional elective units.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies: General Track

This option is a traditional four-year degree for a student interested in a broad range of subjects, but who is not intending to teach. The degree satisfies all University requirements.

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 units
University Requirements	48 units
Major Requirements	33 units
Breadth Requirements	
Two additional Arts and Humanities courses	6
Two additional Social Sciences courses	6
Two additional Natural Sciences/Math courses	6
Depth Requirements	
Four upper division, thematically-related courses	12
Minor or Concentration	12 units
Additional Elective Units	27 units

Requirements for the Major in Liberal Studies: General Concentration

- University Requirements** (48 units)
- Breadth Requirements** (18 units)

Two courses, in addition to General Education requirements, from different disciplines in each of the following three areas: One of the two courses may be lower or upper division; the other must be upper division in a different discipline:

 - Arts and Humanities
 - Social Sciences
 - Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Depth requirements** (12 units)

Four upper-division, thematically-related courses approved by an LBST advisor; these courses must be in addition to courses satisfying general education and breadth requirements.
- Minor or Concentration** (12 units)

A minor or concentration is required, selected from one of the following two options:

 - A minor consisting of at least 12 semester units within a minor program designed by another discipline.
 - A concentration developed with a Liberal Studies advisor
- Additional Elective Units** (27 units)

Students must complete a minimum of nine additional upper division courses. Please see a Liberal Studies Advisor for selection of additional elective units.

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: Mathematics

- Core Course Requirements** (82 units)
- General Education Requirements** (3-8 units)
 - CSUB 1009
 - CSUB 1019
 - SELF Course
 - GWAR Exam or class
- Subject Matter Authorization Area** (24 units)

In addition to the Liberal Studies Credential Concentration Core (including GE and other University Requirements), students completing the Subject Matter Equivalency Degree in Mathematics must complete the following additional courses:

 - MATH 1050
 - MATH 1060
 - MATH 2510
 - MATH 3110
 - MATH 3120
 - MATH 3130
 - MATH 3140
 - MATH 3150

4. **Additional Elective Units** (6-11 units)
 Students must complete a minimum of two 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

Requirements for the Major in Liberal Studies: General Concentration

1. **University Requirements** (48 units)
2. **Breadth Requirements** (18 units)
 Two courses, in addition to General Education requirements, from different disciplines in each of the following three areas:
 One of the two courses may be lower or upper division; the other must be upper division:
 - a. Arts and Humanities
 - b. Social Sciences
 - c. Natural Sciences and Mathematics
3. **Depth requirements** (12 units)
 Four upper-division, thematically-related courses approved by an LBST advisor; these courses must be in addition to courses satisfying general education and breadth requirements.
4. **Minor** (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.
 - b. An interdisciplinary concentration or minor in one of the specially developed areas (see “Interdisciplinary Concentrations and Minors”)
5. **Additional Elective Units** (27 units)
 Students must complete a minimum of nine additional upper division courses.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies: General Concentration

This option is a traditional four-year degree for a student interested in a broad education in the arts and sciences, but who is not intending to teach. The degree satisfies all University requirements, although care must be taken to insure that certain electives truly do double count for both major and University requirements if that is the student’s intention.

Total Units Required to Graduate	120 units
University Requirements	48 units
Major Requirements	33 units
Breadth Requirements	
Two additional Arts and Humanities courses	6
Two additional Social Sciences courses	6
Two additional Natural Sciences/Math courses	6
Depth Requirements	
Four upper division, thematically-related courses	12
Minor Requirements	12 units
Additional Elective Units	27 units