

Liberal Studies B.A./B.S.

Liberal Studies allows you to build the degree that best suits your interests and ambitions. An interdisciplinary undergraduate program designed to meet the needs of our increasingly diverse culture and marketplace, Liberal Studies draws from all areas of traditional university learning—the humanities, fine arts, the social sciences, math, and the natural sciences—in order to develop the kind of learning valued today by many educators and employers: communication skills, critical thinking, and the ability to master new subjects, ideas, and skills. Working with the faculty, you will craft a degree plan that specifically meets your needs and ambitions.

Core Curriculum Courses

See the Core Curriculum Requirements (<https://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/>) 42

Required Courses in the Major

LIBS 300 Introduction to Liberal Studies 3

LIBS 400 Liberal Studies Senior Seminar 3

any two of the following courses

LIBS 340 Seminar in Critical Inquiry

LIBS 350 Seminar in Global Human Rights and Social Justice

LIBS 360 From Question to Creation: The Practice and Production of Knowledge

LIBS 405 Gender and Visual Representations

LIBS 415 Explorations in Visual Culture

LIBS 425 Ways of Seeing & Knowing

Language Requirement

foreign language or equivalent for BA degree * 0-12

Concentration Requirements

Concentration in one subject area ** 24

Complementary Field

Complementary Field Requirements 15

Other Requirements

elective courses *** 27

* Sequence in a foreign language is necessary for a BA in Liberal Studies. The number of hours will vary depending on prior course fulfillment at high school or transfer school. Students must ultimately achieve the equivalent of 12 course hours in the foreign language.

** Concentration in one subject area (24 semester hours with at least 15 advanced hours) taken from existing courses, and studies in a Complementary Field (15 semester hours with at least 9 advanced hours) taken from existing courses. An individualized degree plan in both the Concentration and the Complementary Field areas will be developed by the student in consultation with the Liberal Studies advisor.

*** Enough elective courses must be taken (with at least 6 advanced semester hours) to complete, along with University Studies courses, 120 hours required for the degree. For the BS in Liberal Studies degree, this will be 27 hours. For the BA in Liberal Studies degree, this can range from 15 to 21 hours depending on foreign language requirements (see above).

The Concentration and Complementary Fields

Students select a Concentration (at least 24 semester hours) in either one of the four interdisciplinary fields (Child and Family Studies, Global and Multicultural Issues, Popular Culture Studies, and Ways of Seeing and Knowing) or one of the traditional disciplines represented by the College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts. Students may also select courses for the Complementary Field (at least 15 semester hours) from either the College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts, the College of Science and Engineering, the College of Business, or the College of Education and Human Services. Courses available from these colleges are listed in the current Undergraduate Catalog. An overall GPA of 2.5 is required in both the concentration and complementary fields with no grade lower than a C.

Liberal Studies Interdisciplinary Fields

Liberal Studies students may focus their Concentration (24 hours) in one of the more traditional disciplines within the College of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts. Or students may choose to work in one of the four interdisciplinary concentrations listed below. They may focus their Complementary Field coursework (15 hours) in one of the disciplines in the College of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts; College of Science, Engineering, and Agriculture; College of Business; or College of Education and Human Services.

Child and Family Studies

The Child and Family Studies concentration encourages investigation into the many facets of contemporary domestic living. This area of investigation explores such topics as home and family welfare, parental dynamics, community involvement, and childhood development.

Courses for this concentration include:

AGED 371	Agricultural & Youth Leadershi	3
ART 436	History of Women and Art	3
CJ 328	Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 326	Juvenile Delinquency	3
COMS 316	Gender Communication	3
COMS 317	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS 321	Communication in the Classroom	3
COUN 316	Parent & Family Dynamics	3
COUN 414	Home & Family Living	3
ECE 313	Child Growth and Development	3
ECE 358	Language and Literacy in Early Childhood	3
ECE 364	Educating Young Children	3
ECE 366	Learning Environments	3
ECE 460	STEM in Early Childhood	3
ENG 305	Children's and Young Adult Literature	3
GDRS 200	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
GDRS 340	Topics in Sexuality Studies	3
GDRS 400	Gender Topics	3
GDRS 425	Gender, Culture, Society	3
GDRS 497	Special Topics in Gender Studies	3
HHPH 331	Nutrition	3
HHPH 362	Survey of Human Diseases	3
HHPK 324	Health and Kinesiology for Children	3
HIST 473	Women and Gender in European History	3
HIST 479	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in United States History	3
MUS 450	Music and Movement for Children I	3
MUS 465	Music & Movement for Children II	2
PLGL 325	Family Law	3
PSY 300	Learning Processes and Development	3
PSY 319	Child and Adolescent Development	3
PSY 321	Psychology of Adolescence	3
PSY 322	Lifespan Development	3
PSY 443	Psychology of Death & Dying	3
SOC 312	Sociology of Gender	3
SOC 316	Marriage and Family	3
SOC 323	Sociology of Health and Illness	3
SOC 333	Social Psychology	3
SPED 346	Survey of Exceptionalities	3
SWK 361	Issues in Family Treatment	3
SWK 362	Child Welfare	3

Global and Multicultural Issues

The Global and Multicultural Issues concentration emphasizes the diverse ways of looking at world cultures today. Its courses reflect the varying ways we understand communal and individual identity through the lens of race, ethnicity, gender, economics, politics, and culture, both in the United States and abroad. Students in this concentration are not only encouraged to enroll in courses that approach scholarship in a global context, but are also provided with an opportunity to apply that knowledge in a hands-on manner through practicum and field studies.

Courses for this concentration include:

AG 392	Appld Ethics US World Ag	3
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ANTH 2351	World Cultures: Perspectives from Anthropology	3
ART 333	History of Photography	3
ART 334	Topics in Renaissance Art	3
ART 336	Topics in Baroque Art	3
ART 338	Topics in Non-Western Art	3
ART 404	History of Contemporary Art	3
ART 405	History Of Modern Art	3
ART 407	History of 20th Century Graphic Design	3
BAAS 345	Leadership Techniques	3
COMS 318	GLB/Small Group Communication	3
COMS 408	Intercultural Communication	3
CJ 384	Terrorism	3
ENG 202	Multiethnic Literatures	3
ENG 323	Mythology	3
ENG 358	Language & Society	3
ENG 474	Topics in World Literature	3
GDRS 200	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
GDRS 425	Gender, Culture, Society	3
GOV 323	Internat Politics	3
GOV 324	Internat Organiza	3
GOV 330	Modern Euro Govs	3
HIST 303	Historical Geography	3
HIST 306	The Modern World	3
HIST 316	Modern India	3
HIST 327	Latin America in the Modern Period	3
HIST 338	Modern Europe, 1848-1991	3
HIST 345	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIST 346	Modern United States 1850-1920	3
HIST 408	Themes in World History	3
HIST 473	Women and Gender in European History	3
HIST 479	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in United States History	3
HIST 497	Special Topics in History	1-4
LALS 101	Introduction to Latin American & US Latino Studies	3
MUS 1310	History of Rock and Roll	3
MUS 1315	World Music	3
PSCI 331	European Political System	3
PSCI 333	Non-European Polit System	3
PSCI 335	Political Economy	3
PSCI 342	Intro to Global Pub Pol	3
PSCI 367	Middle East Politics	3
PSCI 410	Order, Justice, and Community	3
PSCI 411	Liberty, the State, and the Person	3
PSCI 412	The Age of Ideology	3
PSCI 414	Amer Political Thought	3
PSCI 437	Foreign Policy	3
PSCI 438	International Relations	3
PSCI 488	Contemporary Ideas	3
SOC 311	Social Class,Wealth/Power	3
SOC 310	Psy & Soci Diverse Popula	3
SOC 335	Global Social Issues	3
SOC 370	Racial and Ethnic Diversity	3
SOC 416	Conflicts in Society	3

Popular Culture Studies

Popular Culture Studies focuses on the many ways in which mass culture and media both reflect and inform our daily lives. The courses that make up this interdisciplinary concentration examine the ways we work, define leisure, and become consumers. They cover a wide variety of topics such as movies, television, sports, music, comics, magazines, museums, folk art, memorabilia and collecting, celebratory events, as well as the cultural ramifications of technology and advertising. Students are encouraged to engage these popular subject matters not only within their personal lives, but in light of cultural and political contexts as well.

Courses for this concentration include:

ART 1301	Art Appreciation	3
ART 2313	Visual Communication I	3
ART 333	History of Photography	3
ART 404	History of Contemporary Art	3
ART 407	History of 20th Century Graphic Design	3
ART 408	History of American Typography	3
ART 409	History of Motion Graphics in Visual Communication	3
ART 438	History of Architecture	3
COMS 301	Computer Mediated Communication	3
CJ 360	Mass Media and Crime	3
ENG 200	Popular Literature and Culture	3
ENG 432	Evolution of Film Art	3
GDRS 200	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
GDRS 340	Topics in Sexuality Studies	3
GDRS 400	Gender Topics	3
GDRS 425	Gender, Culture, Society	3
GDRS 497	Special Topics in Gender Studies	3
HIST 345	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
MKT 386	Supply Chain Management and Marketing Channels	3
MMJ 1307	Mass Communication in Society	3
MMJ 1335	Studies in Electronic Communications	3
MMJ 2327	Advertising Principles	3
MMJ 2331	Media Performance	3
MMJ 328	Public Relations Principles	3
MMJ 330	Case Studies in Advertising	3
MMJ 334	Advertising Campaigns	3
MMJ 335	Media History	3
MMJ 336	Media Law	3
MMJ 351	Introduction to Photojournalism	4
MMJ 425	Public Relations Case Studies	3
MMJ 426	Public Relations Campaigns	3
MMJ 445	Ethics in the Media	3
MMJ 453	Social Media	3
MUS 1310	History of Rock and Roll	3
MUS 1315	World Music	3
MUS 441	Entrepreneurship in Music	2
PHO 1301	Photography Appreciation	3
PHO 2356	Introduction to Digital Media	3
PHO 2357	Basic Photography	3
THE 1351	Fundamentals of Acting	3
THE 215	Stage Technology I	3
THE 310	Design Period Styles	3

Pre-Law Emphasis

Courses for this Concentration:

2 Critical Thinking Courses:

PHIL 2303	Logic	3
PHIL 360	General Ethics	3
HIST 264	A Nation Divided: American History	3
HIST 306	The Modern World	3
HIST 344	Early National United States, 1789-1850	3
HIST 345	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIST 346	Modern United States 1850-1920	3
HIST 440	Modern Civil Rights Movements	3
SOC 320	Deviant Behavior	3
SOC 335	Global Social Issues	3
SOC 416	Conflicts in Society	3
PSCI 205	Applied Professional Ethics	3
PSCI 2305	United States Government and Politics	3
PSCI 346	Intro to Public Policy	3
PSCI 410	Order, Justice, and Community	3
PSCI 411	Liberty, the State, and the Person	3
PSCI 414	Amer Political Thought	3
PSCI 488	Contemporary Ideas	3
CJ 488	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3

1 Writing:

ENG 1302	Written Argument/Research	3
ENG 301	Modern Grammar	3
ENG 333	Advanced Writing: Nonfiction	3
PLGL 223	Legal Research	3
PSCI 347	Intro to Research Methods	3
SOC 331	Intro to Social Research	3

1 Speaking:

COMS 1315	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
COMS 312	Persuasion	3

3 Exposure to the Law:

PLGL 222	Introduction to Law	3
PLGL 321	Probate	3
PLGL 311	Constitutional Law for Paralegals	3
PLGL 324	Criminal Law & Procedure	3
PLGL 325	Family Law	3
PSCI 442	Constitutional Law	3
PSCI 443	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	3
PSCI 444	Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process	3
CJ 1306	Courts and Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CJ 431	Law and the Courts	3
CJ 397	Special Topic	0-4
CJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 2313	Correctional Systems	3

Ways of Seeing and Knowing

The Ways of Seeing and Knowing concentration is designed to enable the individual to look upon the world from multiple perspectives so as to appreciate its richness and diversity. We may be limited to our own two eyes in perceiving the world (our egocentric predicament), but by exploring ways

of seeing and knowing, we can break out of our culturally-determined egocentric, ethnocentric, and aristocentric limitations to understand and appreciate the world in all its complexity.

Courses for this concentration include:

ANTH 2351	World Cultures: Perspectives from Anthropology	3
ALIB 464	Introduction to Archives	3
ART 404	History of Contemporary Art	3
ART 405	History Of Modern Art	3
BAAS 345	Leadership Techniques	3
COMS 319	Leadership & Conflict Management	3
COMS 407	Communication Research Methods & Theory	3
COMS 412	Theory of Communication	3
COMS 422	Organizational Communication	3
CJ 488	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
ENG 205	Humor in the Humanities	3
ENG 2326	Intro to Literature	3
ENG 2331	Literature of the Western World	3
ENG 323	Mythology	3
ENG 331	Introduction to Linguistics	3
ENG 333	Advanced Writing: Nonfiction	3
ENG 432	Evolution of Film Art	3
ENG 462	Language Acquisition and Processing	3
ENG 474	Topics in World Literature	3
HIST 466	Oral History Theory and Methods	3
MUS 323	Music History: Early-1750	3
MUS 324	Music History: 1750-Present	3
PHIL 1301	Intro to Philosophy	3
PHIL 2303	Logic	3
PHIL 331	History of Philosophy I	3
PHIL 332	History of Philosophy II	3
PHIL 360	General Ethics	3
PHIL 362	Aesthetics	3
PHIL 497	Special Topics	3
PLGL 222	Introduction to Law	3
PSCI 345	Public Opinion	3
PSCI 205	Applied Professional Ethics	3
PSCI 410	Order, Justice, and Community	3
PSCI 411	Liberty, the State, and the Person	3
PSCI 412	The Age of Ideology	3
PSCI 414	Amer Political Thought	3
PSCI 430	Rev & Revolutionary Movmt	3
PSCI 443	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	3
PSCI 488	Contemporary Ideas	3
PSY 2301	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 310	Psychology and Sociology of Diverse Populations	3
PSY 317	Psychology of Personality	3
PSY 327	Cognitive Social Psych	3
PSY 350	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY 443	Psychology of Death & Dying	3
SOC 310	Psy & Soci Diverse Popula	3
SOC 312	Sociology of Gender	3
SOC 320	Deviant Behavior	3
SOC 331	Intro to Social Research	3

SOC 333	Social Psychology	3
SOC 436	Sociological Theory	3
THE 340	History Of Theatre I	3
THE 440	History of Theatre II	3

First Year

Fall	Hours	
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Total Hours: 0