

Department of Liberal Studies

California State University, Los Angeles

Related Minors and Certificates

While courses taken for a depth area cannot be double-counted for other major requirements (including general education requirements), they can be double-counted towards a minor or certificate. Using the depth areas as a starting point, Liberal Studies students have pursued minors or certificates such as the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art• Biology• Central American Studies• Comparative Linguistics• Chicano Studies• English• Geography• History• Labor and Working Class Studies• Latin American Studies• Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mesoamerican Studies• Music• Pan-African Studies• Philosophy• Political Science• Prelegal Studies (Political Science)• Prelaw (Philosophy)• Science, Technology, & Medicine Studies• Women's and Gender Studies• Youth Agency Administration |
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Related Graduate Programs

Liberal Studies students have been very successful in moving on to post-graduate programs. With the preparation provided by the major and the depth areas, students have gone on to pursue certificates, credentials, Master of Arts degrees, and doctorates in fields such as the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Studies• Anthropology• Art History• Business/Public Administration• Communication Studies• Cultural Studies• Education—Administration, Counseling, Math, Multiple Subjects, Science, Special Education• English• Geography | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law• Liberal Studies• Library Science• Medicine and Pharmacology• Museum Studies• Politics and Public Policy• Public History• Social Work• Special Education• Urban Planning / Urban Studies• Women's and Gender Studies |
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Related Careers

Liberal Studies alumni have used their degrees to go on and pursue careers in a number of fields such as the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertising and Marketing• Business• Education• Entertainment• Law• Library Science• Medicine and Pharmacology | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-Profit Administration• Professional Writing• Public Administration• Public Relations• Social Work• Teaching (K-12 and College) |
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What is Liberal Studies?

Liberal Studies is an interdisciplinary major that can prepare students for several different graduate programs and careers. In Liberal Studies, students take courses in subjects all across campus in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities based upon their option and depth area(s). At the center of curriculum, students take courses in Liberal Studies that help them understand how disciplines work, how they differ from one another, and how they fit together into a bigger picture. In Liberal Studies courses students learn methods for conducting research, writing, and integrating knowledge from many subjects at once. The courses and curriculum of Liberal Studies also place an emphasis on civic and community engagement. Liberal Studies has a distinguished faculty that is dedicated to helping their students perform at a high level and achieve their educational and career goals.

Major Options

Option I – Interdisciplinary Studies in Culture and Society

This option provides students with an integrative course of study that allows them to explore culture and society using a variety of different approaches and perspectives. Students in this option choose two depth areas or one concentration upon which to focus in their studies (see below). This option can prepare students for graduate study and careers in fields such as law, education, journalism, government, publishing, business, medicine, and non-profit work.

Option II – Elementary Subject Matter Teacher Preparation

This option is designed to provide students a broad-based education in multiple subjects that prepares them for the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET). The CSET are prerequisites for a teaching credential. Students in Option II take one depth area (listed below) as well as directed electives for CSET preparation. Students can also take Option II as a "blended" option, which means that they can pursue an Education Specialist or Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential while enrolled as undergraduates.

Depth Areas

The depth areas allow students the opportunity to pursue a particular interdisciplinary area of investigation in more detail. Working with advisers, students can use the depth areas to customize their education and prepare themselves for their particular educational and professional goals beyond graduation. There are ten depth areas. Depth areas with an asterisk (*) can be taken as concentrations in Option I.

1. American Studies
2. Creativity and Performance
3. Cultural Studies
4. Language Arts
5. Mathematics
6. Natural Science
7. Race and Ethnicity Studies
8. Science, Technology, and Medicine Studies*
9. Social Science
10. Women's and Gender Studies*