



Points of Pride

- Develop a personalized plan and timetable to complete a degree that aligns with your goals in an introductory course.
- Customize your degree and choose from a variety of courses to build your knowledge and skills.
- Incorporate credit for prior learning and/or explore community engagement and study abroad opportunities.

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies is an excellent option for students who want to pursue a degree designed to fit their unique interests and aptitudes in more than one discipline. It is also an excellent option for learners who have credit and would like to complete a high-quality college degree. LIS offers an opportunity for students to hone essential skills that employers value more than specific majors: critical thinking, written and oral communication, judgment, teamwork, independence, initiative, and applied learning.

LIS majors can curate their own degree, integrating courses and instructional methods that match their interests and goals. LIS alumni view their education as preparation for diverse and changing careers and meaningful lives.

Degree

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
*Online, on campus,
and blended*



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Careers

- Coaches and Athletic Leadership
- Community Coordinators
- Doctors and Health Care Professionals
- Environmental Scientists
- Lawyers and Paralegals
- Managers
- Media Content Developers
- Politicians
- Researchers
- Social Workers and Advocates
- Teachers
- Unique Career Paths



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Liberal Studies majors can design an **individualized plan** for degree completion consistent with the program goals and objectives, including coursework ranging from:

- Self-assessment
- Independent study
- Multidisciplinary studies
- Alternative credit

Learners can achieve great success from the program when they are:

- Self-directed
- Disciplined to organize personalized programs of study
- Focused on working independently to establish and meet their goals

Students can complete the program's curriculum in the following formats:

- In-person
- Online
- Blended combination of in-person and online

All learning modalities offer individualized instruction, advising, and support.

LIBERAL STUDIES ONLINE

- Courses with asynchronous schedules designed for the convenience of adults
- Online courses instructed by the same professors as traditional, in-person classes
- Online students, regardless of their place of residence, have access to affordable tuition rates.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Studies Track

General Education	37–40 hrs.
LIS 303 Introduction to Liberal Studies	3 hrs.
LIS 451 Senior Seminar	3 hrs.
Approved Upper-Division Electives	44–47 hrs.
Total	120 hrs.

Interdisciplinary Studies Track

General Education	37–40 hrs.
LIS 303 Introduction to Liberal Studies	3 hrs.
LIS 451 Senior Seminar	3 hrs.
Approved Upper-Division Electives from at least two disciplines	44–47 hrs.
Total	120 hrs.

ADMISSION AND TRANSFER CREDITS

There is no additional requirement for Liberal Studies beyond the general UIS admissions requirements. Students may transfer up to 72 hours of lower-division credit and up to 30 hours of upper-division credit. The combination of all transfer credit cannot exceed 90 hours.

See uis.edu/registrar/course-schedules-catalogs for up-to-date requirements.

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