Liberal Studies, BA

Enjoy the flexibility to tailor this degree to your passions and goals. Satisfy your wide ranging-interests while pursuing multidisciplinary learning relevant to a variety of careers.

Program Description

The BA program in liberal studies helps address student interests in a broad array of disciplines and subject matter. The program aims to give students the grounding to use knowledge as more successful thinkers, decision-makers and leaders. The liberal studies core classes are designed to promote critical and creative thinking as students learn how to draw upon diverse disciplinary perspectives and modes of inquiry, help advance communication skills, and support professional career development.

Students majoring in liberal studies have become part of an international movement in higher education. This movement has proven empowering to people who are given the flexibility to explore multiple interests or approach a particular interest from various perspectives. Students are not alone in their chosen path. In fact, this program is just one of hundreds of similar programs offered in colleges and universities across the nation.

The program shares with all other liberal arts and science degrees the goal of developing analytical and communicative abilities. The program offers breadth of learning in an online setting. The liberal studies degree is transdisciplinary, providing students a thematic approach to education.

Those interested in the online program for liberal studies may visit the ASU Online website for more information.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- **Location:** Polytechnic campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)
2019 - 2020 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

**Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission**

**Transfer Admission Requirements:**

ASU has a pathway that allows students to complete the ASU Transfer Admission Guarantee in liberal studies, a prescribed sequence of courses that meets the requirements for the community college's Associate of Arts degree and the lower-division requirements for the ASU Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies. Upon completion of the TAG, students will complete the remaining requirements for ASU's bachelor's program. Visit [https://transfer.asu.edu/](https://transfer.asu.edu/) for more information about ASU degrees offered at local community colleges.

This program may also accept transfer credit in lieu of a TAG agreement. Please contact the department for details.

Change of Major Requirements
A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The College of Integrative Sciences and Arts recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in liberal studies: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.liberal-studies](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.liberal-studies).

**Career Opportunities**
Liberal studies graduates are prepared to enter the workforce or pursue graduate or professional studies.

Liberal studies courses prepare students for the following careers, among others. Some career options may require additional training or schooling:

- chief executives
- data warehousing specialists
- document management specialists
- elementary, middle and high school principals
- emergency medical technicians and paramedics
- general and operations managers
- human resources specialists
- industrial ecologists
- lawyers
- paralegals and legal assistants
- police detectives
- postsecondary teachers
- technical writers
- web administrators

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>Bank Branch Manager</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).
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