

Liberal Studies Framework

Liberal Studies Requirements

All students must fulfill the requirements of the university's Liberal Studies program. This involves a minimum of 40 credits among Learning Skills, Knowledge Areas and Liberal Studies electives. The number of credits may rise slightly depending on student choices. Different colleges and sometimes departments within colleges may have specific variations as to how these Liberal Studies requirements are to be met. The maximum number of Liberal Studies credits is 48.

LEARNING SKILLS

9-10cr

English Composition I and II

6cr

Mathematics

3-4cr

KNOWLEDGE AREAS

31-33cr

Humanities

9cr

One course in history, one in literature and one in philosophy or religious studies.

Fine Arts: One Course from List

3cr

Natural Science: Choose 1 Option

7-8cr

Option I (8 credits): Natural Science Laboratory Courses

Any two courses with laboratories (4cr each) from the natural science laboratory course list.

Option II (7 credits): One Laboratory Course plus One Non-laboratory Course

One course with a laboratory (4cr) from the natural science laboratory course list and one course (3cr) from the natural science non-laboratory course list.

Social Science: Three Courses from List

9cr

Dimensions of Wellness

3-4 cr

LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

3-6cr

Global and Multicultural Awareness: One course from List

3cr

Students must fulfill this requirement by completing one course from the list; most of these courses will at the same time fulfill other requirements set by Liberal Studies or in some cases by a college or department.

Writing Across the Curriculum:

Minimum of Two "W" Courses

All students must include among the total courses required for graduation a minimum of two designated writing-intensive courses. One of these courses must be in the student's primary major; the other(s) may be in Liberal studies, college or major requirements, or free electives. Such courses, which involve extensive use of writing as part of the learning experience, are identified with a "W" as part of the section number in each semester's schedule of classes listing on URSA.

The departments of Anthropology, Biology, English, Food and Nutrition, Foreign Languages, History, Hospitality Management, Journalism and Public Relations, Nursing and Allied Health (NURS majors only), Philosophy, Political Science, Professional Studies in Education, Psychology, Religious Studies, Safety Sciences, and Sociology currently have approved writing plans. Students majoring in programs in these departments are not required to take writing-intensive course courses.