

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

College of
Arts and Sciences

A Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree allows students to design individualized programs of study in the humanities, social sciences, and natural and mathematical sciences; to develop a breadth of knowledge reflective of a true liberal arts education; to develop critical thinking and writing skills; and to synthesize problem-solving strategies.

This degree is beneficial to a wide range of students: students who plan to work in business, technological, cultural, community, and human-service settings; students for whom a highly specialized, structured major is not ideal; and students who have accumulated a substantial number of credit hours across a range of departments.

To graduate with a BLS degree, students will complete rigorous upper-division courses within the College of Arts and Sciences and complete a capstone writing intensive course in which they synthesize and evaluate their previous course work. Students will also be required to take at least one course that includes laboratory or field experience. Along with the completion of UK Core courses, and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements, students complete 24 credit hours in a specific track: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural/Physical/Mathematical Sciences.

Students may not double or triple major/degree with the BLS.

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2023-2024 Undergraduate Catalog for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I3

VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II3

VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list.....3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

Choose one course from approved list.....3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list.....3

X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list.....3

UK Core hours: 30

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

A&S 420 Advanced Writing and Research for the Social Sciences3

or

A&S 430 Advanced Writing and Research in the Humanities3

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR): 3

College Requirements

I. Foreign Language 6-19

II. Disciplinary Requirements

a. Natural Science6

b. Social Science6

c. Humanities6

III. Race and Ethnicity Requirement 0-3

IV. Electives6

College Requirement hours: 30-46

Major Requirements

Students must take 24 credit hours within ONE of the Major Areas: Humanities, Social Sciences, or Natural/Physical/Mathematical Sciences. At least 12 of these hours must be at the 300-level or above and another 6 hours must be at the 400-level or above. In addition, all BLS students must also take WRD 430 for BLS students, which serves as the senior capstone course. This will help students synthesize and evaluate their previous course work and lead to the production of a final project that will be required for graduation. Students will also submit their final portfolio to their WRD 430 instructor. Courses used to satisfy UK Core requirements cannot be used to satisfy major requirements.

Humanities

Select courses from the following prefixes: AIS, CHI, CLA, ENG, FR, GER, GWS, HIS, HJS, ITA, JPN, LAS, LIN, MCL, PHI, RUS, SPA, WRD.

Social Sciences

Select courses from the following prefixes: ANT, APP, ENS, GEO, HSP, IAS, PCE, PS, PSY, SOC, ST.

Natural/Physical/Mathematical Sciences

Select courses from the following prefixes: AST, BIO, CHE, EES, GLY, MA, PHY, STA.

Major Requirement hours: 24

Guided Electives

Students must take at least 12 credit hours in ANY of the three Major Areas: Humanities, Social Sciences, or Natural/Physical/Mathematical Sciences. At least 3 of these must be at the 300-level or above. Courses used to satisfy UK Core requirements cannot be used to satisfy major requirements.

Guided Electives: 12

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Free Electives

Students may take a total of 14-27 hours of free electives to bring the total number of hours to 120. Free electives may not be counted toward the UK Core or A&S requirements.

Free Electives 14-27

Total Minimum Hours

Required for Degree 120