

BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES

College of Arts and Sciences

Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Why Liberal Studies?

Students who pursue a degree in liberal studies tend to chart their own course. Unlike a bachelor's degree in a single discipline that requires students to take certain courses in a certain order, BLS students take a variety of courses in a variety of fields. Students have the flexibility to design their own broad-based program that covers the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics.

The flexibility of this major is especially appealing to students with wide or still-uncertain career interests, or working adults who want a broad-based education to enhance their professional development or continue their personal growth.

Students who earn a liberal studies degree will be able to communicate effectively, exhibit skills in critical thinking and problem solving, and view issues from global and interdisciplinary perspectives. These skills are highly valued in business, industry, government and education.

Liberal Studies at SIUE

Students in SIUE's liberal studies program have hundreds of courses from which to choose when designing their custom curriculum. Students take five courses each in the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics. Class sizes are typically small.

The program can be adjusted for full- and part-time students. With careful planning, part-time students can complete this degree through evening and weekend courses.

Career Outlook

Graduates with liberal studies degrees have an edge in today's job market because the diversity of ideas they develop prepares them for a wide range of careers. A bachelor's degree in liberal studies can also be used as preparation for several careers, including but not limited to journalist, publicist, personnel manager, social worker, policy analyst, minister, lobbyist, politician, college recruiter, customer service representative, advertising account executive and speech writer.

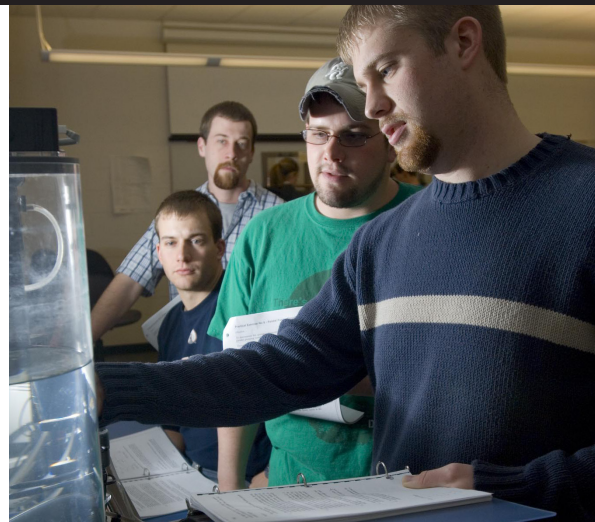
A Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree may provide a solid foundation for graduate studies in fields such as business, English, education, history, law, medicine, sociology, psychology and science.

Surveys by the National Association of Colleges and Employers show most hiring managers are more interested in a candidate's job skills than his or her college major. The skills employers say they want most in job candidates are the abilities to communicate effectively and think critically — exactly the abilities honed in SIUE's liberal studies program.

Admission Requirements

Students wishing to declare a major must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete all Academic Development courses required by the University.
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE.



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Sample Four-Year Curriculum

	FALL	SPRING
YEAR 1	ENG 101 English Composition (3) SPC 103 or SPC 105 (3) FL 106, IME 106, MATH 106 or PHIL 106 (3) INTRO Fine Arts & Humanities (3) INTRO Social Science (3) Total 15	ENG 102 English Composition (3) CS 108, CS 140, CMIS 108, STAT 107 or STAT 244 (3) INTRO Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3) INTRO General Education (3) INTRO General Education (3) Total 15
YEAR 2	DIST Fine Arts & Humanities (3) DIST Social Science (3) DIST Natural Sciences & Mathematics (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (Fine Arts & Humanities) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (SS) (3) Total 15	LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (Natural Sciences & Mathematics) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (FAH) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (SS) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (Natural Sciences & Mathematics) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (FAH) (3) Total 15
YEAR 3	LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (SS) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (Natural Sciences & Mathematics) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (FAH) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (SS) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (Natural Sciences & Mathematics) (3) Total 15	LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (FAH) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (SS) (3) LIBS Disciplinary Distribution (Natural Sciences & Mathematics) (3) Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) (3) General Elective (3) Total 15
YEAR 4	General Elective (3) General Elective (3) General Elective (3) Focused BLS Elective - 3XX (3) Focused BLS Elective - 3XX (3) Focused BLS Elective - 4XX (3) Total 18	General Elective (1) Focused BLS Elective - 3XX (3) Focused BLS Elective - 4XX (3) Focused BLS Elective - 4XX (3) LIBS 400 – Senior Project (1-6 credits) (3) Total 16

TRANSFER STUDENTS Maximize your transfer experience - complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer **AND** satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed, or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Transfer Credit Equivalency Guides are located at siue.edu/transfer/

Exit Requirements

- Complete all specific program requirements.
- Complete all University requirements including:
 - All general education requirements
 - A minimum of 124 credit hours
 - At least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE
 - At least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited 4-year institution
 - A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0
 - Bachelor of Arts only: one year of the same foreign language
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate.

Application Deadline

Please refer to SIUE's undergraduate application deadlines.

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