Degrees Available at SIUE
• Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Specializations
Concentrations: Students can customize their program and develop an individualized program of study.

Liberal Studies at SIUE
The liberal studies program is designed as a flexible bachelor’s degree program. With a broad-based curriculum in liberal arts and sciences, the liberal studies program emphasizes breadth of study rather than focus on a single discipline. This program is designed to meet the needs of students whose educational, professional and personal goals may not be fully met through a specific major at SIUE, as well as those who wish to plan and develop a program appropriate to their interests. Students planning to pursue graduate studies should take courses in this program that will satisfy graduate admission requirements.

The liberal studies program is intended to enhance the knowledge of students in a variety of areas. Extensive course alternatives allow students to adapt their curriculum to meet individual needs. This program is of special value to those who are seeking broad-based preparation or skills, those who already possess occupational skills and seek to enhance them, and those who seek enrichment of their personal and professional lives. Allowing for student flexibility, courses are offered in online, hybrid, evening, weekend and traditional formats.

Career Opportunities
The liberal studies program supports learning across a variety of areas, and the extensive course options allow students to adapt their curriculum to meet individual needs and career goals. These options, along with the development of targeted skills, help students build a resume that is robust and unique, and stands out to prospective employers. This program is valuable to students who are not seeking a career based in a single discipline, to those who already possess occupational skills, and to those who seek enrichment of their personal and professional lives. Students pursuing an undergraduate degree in liberal studies can also be prepared for a graduate program based upon their degree completion pathway.

Hands-On Learning
SIUE offers many opportunities for experiential learning, and students in the liberal studies program are encouraged to take advantage of as many as possible. The College of Arts and Sciences places a strategic focus on experiential learning and additional opportunities are available through SIUE’s professional schools. Students in the liberal studies program also work one-on-one with a faculty member to develop their senior project. Students are encouraged by faculty mentors to participate in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) program.

Faculty
At SIUE, students have the opportunity to seek out and take classes from faculty members whose academic expertise supports their goals. Listed below you will find the titles of recent senior projects completed by students in the liberal studies program, and the name of the faculty members who worked one-on-one with these students to complete the projects.

Analysis and Investigation-the LC-MS DCE Profession (with internship)
Larry LaFond, PhD, Department of English Language and Literature

Trail of Life: Sustainable Living through Food Education
Connie Frey-Spurlock, PhD, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies

If Not for the Glass
Gary Hicks, PhD, Department of Mass Communications

A Deluge for All Lands: Flood Survival Myths
Allison Thomason, PhD, Department of Historical Studies

Portrayals of Women in the Latin Poets Ovid, Propertius, and Tibullus
Nancy Ruff, PhD, Department of English Language and Literature

Justice Questions Related to Home Support Services for People with Autism
Bryan Lueck, PhD, Department of Philosophy
Global Experience
Students in the liberal studies program have the opportunity to take classes and work with faculty members from across the world. Students may also select classes with topics that focus on international issues and content. At SIUE, students are encouraged to explore international experiences through our study abroad 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 GPA of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE
• Meet with the program director to develop a plan of study/degree completion plan

Graduation Requirements
• Complete all specific program requirements
• Complete all University requirements including:
  ◦ All general education requirements
  ◦ A minimum of 120 credit hours
    ○ At least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE
    ○ At least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited four-year institution
  ◦ A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
• One of the following University Intellectual Areas:
  ◦ At least eight courses in the fine and performing arts and humanities, including, as part of those eight courses, a two-semester sequence of a foreign language (FL)
  ◦ At least eight courses in the sciences (life, physical, or social), including, as part of those eight courses, two courses designated as labs (LAB)
• File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate.

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