

UNDERGRADUATE

Liberal Studies

College of Arts and Sciences

SIUE



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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.

Program Format

Allowing for student flexibility, courses are offered in the following formats:

- Online
- Hybrid
- Evening
- Weekend
- Traditional

Degrees Available at SIUE

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Concentrations

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

What can I do with a degree in liberal studies?

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, unique and stands out to

prospective employers. This program is valuable to students who are not seeking a career based in a single discipline, as well as 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

Students in the liberal studies program are encouraged to take advantage of as many hands-on learning opportunities as possible. The College of Arts and Sciences places a strategic focus on experiential learning and opportunities are also 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 and are encouraged to participate in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) program.

Global Experience

Students 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.

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Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Liberal Studies

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENG 102 English Composition II	3
	ACS 101 Public Speaking	3	RA 101 Reasoning & Argumentation or	
	QR 101, MATH 145, MATH 150 or Higher	3	PHIL 212 Inductive Logic	3
	Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA)	3	Breadth Information & Communication in Society (BICS)	3
	Breadth Humanities (BHUM)	3	Breadth Social Science (BSS)	3
	FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE	1	Breadth Physical Science (BPS) with a lab (EL)	3
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	15
Year 2	Breadth Life Science (BLS)	3	LIBS Elective course	3
	LIBS Elective course	3	LIBS Elective course	3
	LIBS Elective course	3	LIBS Elective course or Minor course	3
	LIBS Elective course	3	LIBS Elective course with Health Experience (EH)	2
	LIBS Elective course with U.S. Cultures (EUSC)	3	LIBS Elective course with Global Cultures (EGC)	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	14
Year 3	LIBS Elective course	2	LIBS Elective course	3
	LIBS Elective course	3	LIBS Elective course or Minor course	3
	LIBS Elective course	3	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3
	LIBS Elective course	3	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3
	LIBS Elective course or Minor course	3	LIBS Elective course or Minor Course (Upper-Level)	3
	Total Credits	14	Total Credits	15
Year 4	Interdisciplinary Studies (IS)	3	LIBS 400 Senior Project	3
	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3
	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3
	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3	LIBS Elective course (Upper-Level)	3
	LIBS Elective course or Minor course (Upper-Level)	3	LIBS Elective course or Minor course (Upper-Level)	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15
			Total Hours	120

Students must complete 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 or at least eight courses in the sciences (life, physical, or social), including, as part of those eight courses, two courses designated as labs (LAB).

Transfer Students: To maximize your transfer experience, complete the **bolded** courses/requirements pre-transfer and satisfy either 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. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

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 (8) 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 (8) 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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