

LIBERAL STUDIES, BA, GENERAL CONCENTRATION

Social Sciences and Education (sse) (<https://catalog.csub.edu/general-information/csub-information/school-social-sciences-education/>)

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Program Description

The Liberal Studies degree requires a broad-based liberal arts experience typically undertaken as preparation for future k-8 teachers and educational specialists. With the passing of California AB-130 in July, 2021, successful completion of a Liberal Studies degree allows graduates to meet the *subject matter competence* required to obtain a Multiple Subject or Educational Specialist Teaching Credential in the State of California, thus granting equivalence to the Multiple Subjects CSET Exam. In addition, six of the seven Liberal Studies pathways have been approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing as an Elementary Subject Matter (ESM) Preparation Program the recommended “gold standard” for providing undergraduates the subject matter and foundational knowledge of schooling and teaching beneficial for future success as a k-8 teacher or educational specialist. The major also includes two Integrated Teacher Education Programs (ITEP): the IBEST (Multiple Subjects) and ISPED (Special Education) which allows students to complete credential programs as an undergraduate as well as Subject Matter Authorization pathways in English, Mathematics, and Science which afford successful candidates the option to teach these subject areas in grades 6-9 in the State of California in addition to pursuit of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Because the Liberal Studies teacher preparation emphasizes prepare students for a state licensed credential, requirements may be changed by state mandate at any time.

CSUB Liberal Studies Program Philosophy and Learning Objectives

The Liberal Studies Program is based on a conception of a well-educated and culturally competent person, and focuses on significant ideas, modes of inquiry, structures, and values within its various disciplines. Coursework throughout the program emphasizes the study of broad concepts and principles that encompass and illuminate the areas of human learning and what it means to be an educator within a complex, diverse, and pluralistic democracy. Although the Liberal Studies program is not designed exclusively as academic preparation for students who plan to teach in the elementary schools, it fosters deep foundational knowledge of academic subjects taught in elementary schools: language arts, reading, mathematics, science, social studies, history, the visual and performing arts, and physical education. In addition, since educators in California serve developing young human beings from racial, ethnic, and linguistically diverse origins, students must have a deep knowledge of human development and an affirmative commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism.

Program Requirements

This option is a traditional four-year degree for a student interested in a broad range of subjects, but who is not necessarily intending to teach. The degree satisfies all

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
	First-Year Seminar (FYS)	2
	Lower Division Area A: Foundational Skills ¹	0
	Lower Division Area B: Natural Sciences ¹	0
	Lower Division Area C: Arts and Humanities ¹	0
	Lower Division Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences ¹	0
	Lower Division Area E: Student Enrichment and Lifelong Learning (SELF)	3
	Lower Division Area F: Ethnic Studies	3
	American Institutions: Government and History ¹	0
	Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYDR)	3
	Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR)	3
	Upper Division Thematic Area B and C ¹	0
	General Education Capstone	0
	<i>General Education Subtotal</i>	14
Major Requirements		
<i>Interdisciplinary Education Studies</i>		
LBST 3300	Educational Policy & Diversity	3
LBST 3600	Social Sciences in Elementary Schools	3
<i>Interdisciplinary Breadth</i>		
	Select two courses from different disciplines in each of the following areas: ²	18
	Arts and Humanities	
	Social Sciences	
	Natural Sciences and Mathematics	
<i>Interdisciplinary Depth requirement</i>		
	Four upper-division courses ³	12
<i>Minor or Concentration</i>		
	Select one of the following:	12
	A minor consisting of at least 12 semester units within a minor program designed by another discipline	
	A concentration developed with a Liberal Studies advisor	
<i>Electives</i>		
	<i>Subtotal</i>	48
	Additional Units Needed Towards Graduation ⁴	18
	Total Units	80

¹ May be satisfied in major.

² In addition to General Education requirements, One of the two courses may be lower or upper division; the other must be upper division in a different discipline.

³ Thematically related courses approved by a LBST advisor; these courses must be in addition to courses satisfying general education and major requirements.

⁴ Students must complete additional elective units to reach the minimum number of units required for graduation.