BS LIBERAL STUDIES

Program Learning Objectives

Upon graduating, Liberal Studies students will:

1. Examine the importance of the physical, social and cognitive development of children and their application to learning.
2. Develop a deep understanding of the conceptual foundation of each core subject area: Reading, Language and Literacy, History and Social Science, Mathematics, Science, Visual and Performing Arts, and Physical Education and Health.
3. Experience how knowledge is created and organized through best teaching and learning practices specific to each core subject area with a focus of metacognition.
4. Demonstrate effective oral, written and interpersonal communication skills in a variety of contexts including the use of appropriate technology.
5. Integrate the content of one discipline into another through the development of projects across subject matter areas.
6. Synthesize information and integrate experiences that promote personal and professional growth in the field of education.
7. Demonstrate engagement as an agent for change in diversity and inclusion using principles of social justice, equity and ethical practice.

Degree Requirements and Curriculum

In addition to the program requirements listed on this page, students must also satisfy requirements outlined in more detail in the Minimum Requirements for Graduation (http://catalog.calpoly.edu/generalrequirementsbachelorsdegree/#generaleducationtext) section of this catalog, including:

- 60 units of upper division courses
- Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)
- 2.0 GPA
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP)

Note: Up to 4 units of credit/no credit grading may be selected for courses in major, support, or concentration.

MAJOR COURSES

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<td>Orientation to Liberal Studies</td>
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<td>LS 211</td>
<td>Visual Arts in the Elementary Classroom</td>
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<td>Constitutional Issues in the History of U.S. and California Education</td>
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<td>LS 230</td>
<td>Field Experience in the Elementary Classroom I</td>
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<td>Children's Literature</td>
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<td>LS 301</td>
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<td>Storytelling: Modern Applications of Traditional Narrative</td>
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<td>LS 370</td>
<td>Performing Arts in the Elementary Classroom</td>
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<td>LS 410</td>
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<td>ASTR 101</td>
<td>Introduction to the Solar System (B3)</td>
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<td>Philosophical Classics: Knowledge and Reality (C2)</td>
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<td>or PSY 202</td>
<td>General Psychology</td>
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<td>Introduction to Statistical Concepts and Methods</td>
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<td>Theories, Methods, and Assessment of First and Second Language Acquisition in Schools</td>
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<td>EDUC 428</td>
<td>Foundations of K-8 Literacy Teaching and Learning in Schools with Diverse Populations</td>
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GENERAL EDUCATION

(See GE program requirements below.) 28-36

FREE ELECTIVES

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Total units 180

1 Required in Major; also satisfies GE.
2 Students in the History/Social Sciences concentration, may substitute with HIST 221.
Prerequisite for Multiple Subject Credential program at Cal Poly. For a credential program elsewhere, check the prerequisites for that institution.

If GE courses are used to satisfy Concentration requirements, additional units of Free Electives may be required to meet the 180 total units requirement for degree.

Concentrations
Students may select one of the following concentrations or the individualized course of study.

- Biology
- Child Development
- English
- History/Social Sciences
- Mathematics
- Science
- Spanish
- Teaching English as a Second Language

Individualized Course of Study
With department chair approval, students may pursue a course of study which meets their individual needs and interests; this must be initiated early and all courses must be pre-approved. The individualized course of study consists of 18-20 units with at least one course at the 300-400 level. Courses are selected by the student in consultation with an advising faculty member. The list of courses is a contract between the student and the department.

General Education (GE) Requirements
- 72 units required, 32 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- See the complete GE course listing.
- Minimum of 12 units required at the 300 level.

Area A Communication
A1 Expository Writing 4
A2 Oral Communication 4
A3 Reasoning, Argumentation and Writing 4

Area B Science and Mathematics
B1 Mathematics/Statistics (8 units in Major) 0
B2 Life Science (4 units in Major) 0
B3 Physical Science (4 units in Major) 0
B4 One lab taken with either a B2 or B3 course 0
B5 Area B elective (select one course from B1-B5) (4 units in Major) 0

Area C Arts and Humanities
C1 Literature (may be in Concentration) 0-4
C2 Philosophy 0
C3 Fine/Performing Arts 4
C4 Upper-division elective (may be in Concentration) 0-4

Area D/E Society and the Individual
D1 The American Experience (Title 5, Section 40404 requirement) 4
D2 Political Economy 4
D3 Comparative Social Institutions (4 units in Major) 0
D4 Self Development (CSU Area E) (4 units in Major) 0

D5 Upper-division elective (4 units in Major) 0

Area F Technology
F Upper-division elective 4

Total units 28-36

Courses Needed for Multiple Subject Credential
EDUC 429 Learning to Teach K-8 Literacy in Schools with Diverse Populations 4
EDUC 431 Learning to Teach K-8 Social Studies with Diverse Populations 4
EDUC 435 Learning to Teach K-8 Mathematics with Diverse Populations 4
EDUC 436 Learning to Teach K-8 Science with Diverse Populations 4
EDUC 438 Multiple Subject Clinical Practice I 4
EDUC 439 Multiple Subject Clinical Practice Seminar I 2
EDUC 440 Educating Individuals with Exceptional Needs 4
EDUC 450 Teaching Performance Assessment Seminar 1
EDUC 454 Multiple Subject Clinical Practice II 8
EDUC 455 Multiple Subject Clinical Practice Seminar II 3
EDUC 456 Multiple Subject Clinical Practice III 12
EDUC 457 Multiple Subject Clinical Practice Seminar III 3

Total units 53