Liberal Studies

**Program Director:** Thomas Schmeling

Students **must** consult with their assigned Liberal Studies advisor before they will be able to register for courses.

Liberal Studies B.A.

**Retention Requirement:** A 2.0 GPA across all courses counted toward the major is required for graduation.

Course Requirements

Courses

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| LIBS 261 | Introduction to Liberal Studies | 4 | Annually |
| LIBS 461 | Liberal Studies Seminar | 4 | Annually |

EIGHT ADDITIONAL COURSES chosen in consultation with a Liberal Studies Advisor.

At least one course must come from four of the five areas listed below, and no more than four courses may come from any one area or department. At least four of the courses must be at the 300-level or above. Connections courses, and courses that have been used to fulfill the student’s General Education requirements may not be counted toward the major.

Arts

Choose from courses in Art, Art History, Dance, Film Studies, Music and Theatre or any of the following courses:

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| COMM 241 | Introduction to Cinema and Video | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| ENGL 113 | Approaches to Drama: Page to Stage | 4 | F, Sp |

Humanities

Choose from courses in English (except ENGL 113), History, Modern Languages, Philosophy or any of the following courses:

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| COMM 208 | Public Speaking | 4 | F, Sp |
| COMM 242 | Message, Media, and Meaning | 4 | F, Sp |
| COMM 255 | Introduction to Language | 4 | Sp |

Mathematics

Choose from courses in Mathematics or Computer Science.

Natural and Physical Sciences

Choose from courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science or Physics.

Social Sciences

Choose from courses in Africana Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, International Non-Governmental Organizations, Non Profit Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Gender and Women’s Studies or any of the following courses:

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| COMM 240 | Mass Media and Society | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| COMM 330 | Interpersonal Communication | 4 | F |
| COMM 332 | Gender and Communication | 4 | F |
| COMM 333 | Intercultural Communication | 4 | As needed |
| COMM 340 | Media Ethics | 4 | Sp |
| COMM 347 | Media Law | 4 | Sp |
| COMM 351 | Persuasion | 4 | F, Sp |
| COMM 353 | Political Communication | 4 | Annually |
| COMM 354 | Communication and Civic Engagement | 4 | Sp |
| COMM 356 | Group Decision Making | 4 | Sp |
| COMM 357 | Public Opinion and Propaganda | 4 | Sp |
| COMM 359 | Argumentation and Debate | 4 | F |

Total Credit Hours: 32-40