

LIBERAL STUDIES

Liberal Studies

Major

MAJOR

Total Hours Required:

48

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- Early Childhood/Elementary Education and Elementary Education majors should consult with their advisors about the advantages of a double major in Liberal Studies.
- Only courses in which a C or better is earned will count toward satisfaction of major requirements.
- You must submit a 300-500 word rationale describing goals and objectives of focus area for entry. To complete the major, you must evaluate the extent to which these goals and objectives were met (see program exit requirements).
- The Liberal Studies major may be completed on the Frostburg campus and at the University System of Maryland in Hagerstown.
- You cannot earn a minor in Liberal Studies.

The Liberal Studies major is an integrative program providing breadth in the arts, humanities, natural and social sciences, and depth in an area of specialization.

The major is adaptable to student interest in technical and/or professional studies and constitutes a desirable preparation for graduate training or for entry and advancement opportunities in a wide array of employment fields requiring a baccalaureate degree.

Summary of Requirements for Major in Liberal Studies

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I. Liberal Core: (21 hours)

A minimum of 21 hours of course work in the arts and sciences in addition to courses satisfying General Education Program requirements, and distributed as follows:

- 3 hours in communication arts course that focuses on writing or speaking.
- 18 hours in arts and sciences courses, including a minimum of 3 hours each in arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

NOTE: Students seeking Maryland State teaching certification in Early Childhood and/or Elementary Education must complete specific courses within these categories; they should consult an advisor in the Department of Educational Professions.

II. Focus Area Requirements (approval of LBST Coordinator required): (27 hours)

- A minimum of 24 hours in a discipline or disciplines (including current minors) related to the student's area of technical or professional training or other specialized interest, including a minimum of 15 hours at the 300/400 level.
- A minimum of 3 hours in a capstone course (seminar, individual research, practicum, field work or internship).

III. Program Exit Requirements (0 hours)

Completion of the LBST 450 Senior Self- Assessment. The SSA includes:

- 300-500 word word-processed statement that explains the choice of senior capstone course, justifies the inherent integrity of the focus area, and articulates post-baccalaureate goals.
- Breakdown of the learning goals and outcomes of each course included in the focus area following program guidelines and evaluation of extent to which goals were accomplished.