



The Liberal Studies Major is a program within the Humanities Department at San Jose State University leading to the Bachelor of Arts Degree. It is an interdisciplinary major integrating approaches from literature, the arts, and the social sciences.

Whatever careers students may eventually choose, they will find that Liberal Studies has enhanced their appreciation of literature and the arts and deepened their understanding of the human condition. The wide variety of subjects explored in this major provides excellent preparation to become a well-rounded teacher

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## Liberal Studies Preparation for Teaching



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## Liberal Studies Major San Jose State University Preparation for Teaching Emphasis

### Why do students choose Liberal Studies?

Future teachers (K-8) choose this major because of its rich program of courses that have been approved by the State Department of Education as academic preparation for candidates for the elementary school teaching credential.

### What courses do Liberal Studies Teacher Preparation students take?

Building on a solid base of required courses in science, math, literature, art, history, and human development, the major offers additional study in a culture of the student's choice: American Culture, Western Culture, or World Cultures. In each of these concentrations, the subject is approached through the combined study of art, literature, history, and social and religious institutions.

### How can I become a Liberal Studies major?

Select the Liberal Studies major, Preparation for Teaching option when applying to San Jose State University. If you decide after admission to major in Liberal Studies, pick up a change of major form at the Admissions and Records office. Then, make an appointment to see the Liberal Studies Advisor. If you have attended other colleges, you must send copies of your unofficial transcripts to the Liberal Studies Department before setting an appointment.

### Courses required for the major:

#### Reading, Language and Literature

ENGL 1A, Composition 1  
ENGL 1B, Composition 2  
ENGL 112A, Children's Literature  
ENGL 103, Modern English **OR**  
LLD 107, Patterns of English  
LLD 108, Intro to 2nd Language Dev **AND**  
EDEL 108E, Teaching Reading  
**OR** CHAD 150, Dev of Comm Competence  
**AND** CHAD 151, Developing Literacy

#### History & Social Science

AAS 33AB, Asian Americans in the U.S.,  
HIST 15AB, U.S. History /Govt  
or MAS 10AB Mex American History  
SOCS 137, CA in Hist & SOCS Perspectives  
SOCS 138, US in Hist & SOCS Perspectives  
SOCS 139, The World in Hist & SOCS Persp

#### Mathematics

MATH 12, Number Systems  
MATH 105, Concepts in Mathematics  
MATH 106, Intuitive Geometry

#### Science

BIOL 21, Human Biology  
CHEM 35, Introduction to Physical Sciences  
GEOL 103, Earth Systems & Environment  
SCI 110, Global Themes of Science **OR**  
ES 158, Environmental Studies for Teachers

#### Visual and Performing Arts

CA 177, Interdisciplinary Arts for Teaching  
and *two courses* in two different areas below:  
ART 39, Multicultural Arts for Children  
ART 138, Studio Art  
DANC 148, Children's Dance  
MUS 10B, Introduction to Music  
MUS 185A, Music for Children  
TA 131, Storytelling

#### Physical Education and Health

KIN 177, Movement Experience for Children **AND** EDTE  
190, Health Education **OR**  
CHAD 149, Child Health & Physical Activity

#### Human Development

CHAD 60, Child Development **OR**  
PSYC 82, Child Psychology **AND**  
CHAD 67, Dev of Human Potential

#### Liberal Studies Courses

HUM 85, Integration of Liberal Studies  
HUM 100W, Writing in the Humanities  
(**Other preferred choices:** LLD 100W or ENGL 100W)  
HUM 190, Senior Seminar in Humanities  
HUM 185, Field Experience in Humanities

#### **DEPTH OF STUDY (12 Units)**

##### **Choose one of three areas:**

##### **WESTERN CULTURES**

HUM 119A, Antiquity Studies  
HUM 12 0A, Middle Ages  
HUM 119B, Renaissance/Baroque Eras  
HUM 120B, Enlightenment/Romantic Eras

##### **AMERICAN CULTURES**

AMS 169, American Dream  
AMS 179, American Pop Culture  
RELS 162, Religious & Political Controversy  
RELS 191, Religion in America

##### **WORLD CULTURES**

HUM 114, Legacy of Asia  
RELS 131, Gender, Sex, & Religion  
RELS 145, Middle East Politics  
AMS 159, Nature & World Culture

#### Total Units

**120units**