

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 for a variety of professional goals. As a liberal arts student your education will give you the ability to reason clearly, to communicate well, and to solve complex problems. Because these skills are transferable to many work situations, you will be valuable to prospective employers.

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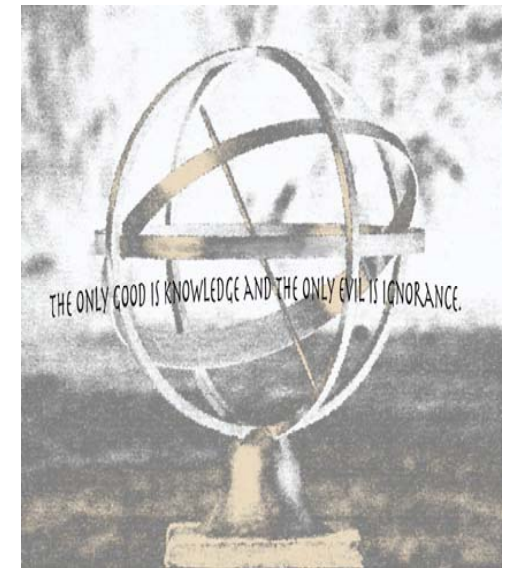
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## Liberal Studies Liberal Arts Emphasis



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#### Why do students choose Liberal Studies?

Students choose this major because of its rich program of courses. The career goals of Liberal Studies students include social work, counseling, library science, law, business, and work in government and non-profit agencies. Liberal Studies is also an excellent preparation program for further advanced graduate studies.

#### What courses do Liberal Studies Emphasis 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, Liberal Arts Emphasis 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:

#### Humanities

**One course in Western Cultures (3), such as:**  
HUM 119A, HUM 119, HUM 120A, HUM 120B,  
or HUM 128

**One course in American Culture(3), such as:**  
AMS 159, AMS 162, AMS 169, AMS 179, or  
RELS 191

**One course in Religious Studies (3), such as:**  
RELS 114, RELS 122, RELS 131, or  
RELS 156, RELS 161, RELS 165

**One course in Philosophy (3), such as:**  
PHIL 104, PHIL 108, or PHIL 122

**One additional course from any of the above (3)**

#### Mathematics

**Two courses from GE Area B4: (6)**

MATH 8, MATH 10, MATH 19,  
MATH 70, PHIL 9,

**OR**

MATH 12 and MATH 105

#### Literature

**One American literature course (3), such as:**  
ENGL 68A, ENGL 168, or ENGL 169

**One British literature course (3), such as**  
ENGL 56A, ENGL 56B, ENGL 78, ENGL 148, ENGL  
149, or ENGL 151,

**One World literature course (3), such as:**  
CHIN 140, CLIT 121, CLIT 122, ENGL 123  
or ENGL 125

#### The Arts

**One Art course (3), such as:**  
ARTH 70C, CA 173A, or CA 173B

**One Music course (3), such as:**  
MUSC 019, MUSC 111, MUSC 117,  
or MUSC 120

**One Dance/Theatre Arts course (3), such as:**  
DANC 10, TA 120, or TA 131

#### History and Social Science

**One Geography course (3), such as:**  
GEOG 010, GEOG 101, or GEOG 121

**One Environment Studies course(3), such as:**  
AMS 159, or ENVS 001

**One Global History course (3), such as:**  
HIST 105B, HIST 107, or HIST 142

**One behavioral science course (3), such as:**  
ANTH 140, PSYC 1, or SOC 1 I

#### Science

**One course from GE Area R (3):**  
ASTR 101, BIOL 101, or METR 112

**One other upper division course (3):**  
CHEM 103, GEOL 108, or PHYS 166

#### Liberal Studies Courses

HUM 85, HUM 100W, HUM 190,

**DEPTH OF STUDY (12 Units)**

**Choose one of three areas:**

#### WESTERN CULTURES

HUM 119A, HUM 120A, HUM 119B  
Or HUM 120B,

#### AMERICAN CULTURES

AMS 169, AMS 179, RELS 162,  
Or RELS 191,

#### WORLD CULTURES

HUM 114, RELS 131, RELS 145,  
Or AMS 159,

#### Total Units

**120units**