

Liberal Studies Department

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Liberal Studies Mission Statement

The fourfold aim of the general education Associate in Arts program at Florida College is to prepare students for the future — spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. This philosophy develops naturally into a liberal studies program at the baccalaureate level. However, the Liberal Studies program at Florida College is designed to advance well beyond the general education requirements in preparing students for all areas of life, including family, church, and community, as well as for advancement in a variety of careers and academic programs. By emphasizing breadth of study rather than a single discipline, the bachelor's degree with a major in Liberal Studies encourages students to develop a broad understanding of a variety of disciplines, while they cultivate the abilities to read perceptively, think critically, write precisely, and speak effectively. Liberal Studies majors acquire a deeper understanding of the past, of contemporary life, and of the relationship between the natural and social orders, from both an academic and a biblical perspective. They also develop an appreciation for the traditions of the past, the peoples of the present, the opportunities of the future, and the God who is over all.

Liberal Studies (BA or BS)

First awarded in 2003

Dr. Moyer, Program Coordinator

Entrance and General Education Requirements

Students majoring in Liberal Studies must have completed the AA degree at Florida College or its equivalent elsewhere. (To be considered “equivalent” to the AA, a transfer student’s work must include at least 60 semester hours, excluding Physical Education activities, and must include courses that satisfy the 36-hour General Education Core at Florida College.)

Total Semester Hours

Students planning for the bachelor’s degree with a Liberal Studies major must complete a total of 120 semester hours of accredited college work, with a total of 51 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level. Courses taken under the pass-fail option will not apply toward the 51-hour total.

Language and Natural Science Requirement

The BA Liberal Studies major requires that a student complete two semesters, in sequence, of a foreign language. No foreign language is required for the BS degree. The BS Liberal Studies major is available only for pre-professional health majors with a Health Science or Physical Education component.

Daily Bible Requirement

All students living on campus and off-campus students enrolled in more than six credit hours must take a Biblical Literature course each day that they take classes on the Florida College campus.

Extracurricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate each semester in at least six distinct kinds of extracurricular activities, life-enrichment activities, field trips, and community service projects as part of the Liberal Studies program.

Upper-Level Course Requirements

Students majoring in Liberal Studies may choose between the following tracks and must complete the upper-division course requirements specific to the track chosen. Both tracks require students to complete a twelve-hour component in Biblical Literature by taking a total of 12 semester hours at the 3000 and/or 4000 level, whether in four three-hour courses or through a combination of one, two, and three-hour courses. Acceptable courses in Biblical Literature are listed below under the heading "Courses from Various Disciplines." Courses taken under the pass-fail option will not apply toward the 12-hour Biblical Literature component of the major.

Because the Liberal Studies major is designed to be interdisciplinary, students in the program must select component areas from clearly distinct disciplines. The disciplines for which courses are listed below are considered sufficiently distinct. Other component areas must be approved by the Chair of Liberal Studies.

Track 1 – Leading to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with a Liberal Studies Major

In addition to the Biblical Literature component, students must complete 39 hours at the 3000 and/or 4000 level. These hours must include a single three-hour Great Books course. The student may choose to complete the additional 36 hours in one of two ways: at least eighteen hours (normally six courses, each with at least three hours of course credit) in each of two component areas, or at least twelve hours (at least four courses of three or more credits each) in each of three component areas.

Track 2 – Leading to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with a Liberal Studies Major with Great Books

In addition to the Biblical Literature component, students must complete 39 hours at the 3000 and/or 4000 level, in part by completing four courses (of three or more semester hours' credit) in each of three component areas. The four-semester sequence of Great Books courses constitutes one of these components for every student in this track; the other two components are chosen by the student. The remaining three upper-division hours required for the degree may be fulfilled with the senior thesis course or an additional upper-level three-semester-hour course in one of the student's selected components.

For either track, up to twelve hours in one of the component areas may be completed at another accredited college or university. However, plans to take part or all of a component elsewhere must be approved by the department and written into the student's graduation plan before he or she registers for the courses. Three semester hours of directed studies may be counted toward the completion of any component. Every course taken as a directed study must be approved by the faculty member who will direct it, by the department chair, and by the Dean, before the student registers.

Honors Curriculum

Liberal Studies majors who choose Track 2 will achieve the distinction of having completed the Honors Curriculum if they complete the senior thesis course successfully and if they finish the Liberal Studies program with a 3.00 grade point average (overall and in upper-level courses), with no upper-level grade lower than C. The senior thesis course (IDS 4950, described below) requires the student to prepare a portfolio of his or her upper-level work (curricular and extracurricular), to produce a substantial interdisciplinary thesis, and to present material from the thesis project in a public forum.

Pre-Law and Pre-Medicine

Students preparing for law school or for medical school (or to pursue professional training in other health fields) can customize an interdisciplinary program of study within the Liberal Studies major, selecting relevant upper-division courses in such disciplines as English, History, and Communication (for pre-law) or Health Sciences and Behavioral Science (for pre-medicine), as well as Biblical Literature. This Bachelor of Arts degree program offers students considerable flexibility as they prepare for the professional school application process and for the appropriate admissions examinations.

For an extra mark of distinction, the pre-professional student can choose to complete the Honors Curriculum described above.

Quality of Work

A minimum grade point average of 2.25 both overall and on all upper-level work is required for the bachelor's degree with a major in Liberal Studies.

Residency

Students must complete 36 semester hours of their upper-level work at Florida College in order to receive the bachelor's degree with a major in Liberal Studies.

Commencement

Candidates for the bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies must participate in the commencement ceremony in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exceptions must be cleared with the Academic Dean of the College.

Courses in Liberal Studies

- IDS 4905 Directed Study in Liberal Studies
- IDS 4950 Liberal Studies Senior Thesis

Courses from Various Disciplines

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the Liberal Studies program, courses are located throughout the various curricula of the College. The courses below are listed with the disciplines available at Florida College as Liberal Studies areas of concentration:

Behavioral Science

- CLP 4143 Abnormal Psychology
- DEP 4004 Developmental Psychology
- EDF 3122 Learning and the Developing Child
- EEX 3050 Survey of Special Education
- INP 4004 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- PPE 4003 The Psychology of Personality
- PSY 4832 Sports Psychology
- PSY 4905 Independent Directed Study in Psychology
- SOP 4004 Social Psychology

Biblical and Ancient Languages

- GRW 3250 New Testament Greek I
- GRW 3251 New Testament Greek II
- GRW 4242 Advanced New Testament Greek I
- GRW 4253 Advanced New Testament Greek II
- REL 4909 Independent Directed Study in Biblical Languages: Greek

Biblical Literature

Note that courses taken under the pass/fail option will not apply toward either the Biblical Literature component or the 51-hour minimum for upper-division course work.

- REL 3221 Law of Moses
- REL 3222 Old Testament Historical Books
- REL 3227 Minor Prophets I
- REL 3231 The Book of Job

REL 3233	Minor Prophets II
REL 3235	New Testament Backgrounds
REL 3253	Gospel and Epistles of John
REL 3256	2 Corinthians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus
REL 3265	Matthew
REL 3266	Mark
REL 3268	1 and 2 Thessalonians and Philippians
REL 3719	Studies in Biblical Eschatology
REL 4217	Critical Introduction: Old Testament
REL 4225	Ezekiel
REL 4226	Jeremiah
REL 4229	Daniel
REL 4230	Isaiah
REL 4247	Critical Introduction: New Testament
REL 4254	Romans and Galatians
REL 4255	Hebrews
REL 4259	Book of Revelation
REL 4900	Independent Directed Study in Biblical Studies
REL 4930	Selected Topics in Biblical Literature
REL 4933	Selected Topics: Bible Seminar

Business

Note that students selecting Business as a subject area for Liberal Studies are required to take GEB 1011 (Introduction to Business Administration) in addition to the 12 or 18 upper-division hours in Business. The upper-division courses selected by the student must include MAN 3025 (Principles of Management), since it is a prerequisite for many of the 3000-4000 level courses.

BUL 3320	Law and Business
GEB 3213	Communication in Business
GEB 4905	Independent Directed Study in Business
INP 4004	Industrial/Organizational Psychology
ISM 3004	Management Information Systems
MAN 3025	Principles of Management (required)
MAN 3301	Human Resource Management
MAN 3600	International Business
MAN 3802	Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
MAN 4129	Organizational Leadership
MAN 4701	Business Ethics and Society
MAR 3023	Principles of Marketing

Church History

REL 3503	Church History I
REL 3504	Church History II
REL 3541	History of Christianity in America (also offered as AMH 3621)
REL 3567	History of the Restoration Movement (also offered as AMH 3622)
REL 4905	Directed Study in Church History
REL 4932	Selected Topics in Church History

Communication

COM 3120	Organizational Communication
COM 3160	Writing for Communication Professions
GEB 3213	Communication in Business
MMC 3100	Writing and Editing for Media
MMC 3602	Mass Communication and Society
ORI 3131	Oral Interpretation
PUR 3000	Public Relations

- SPC 3301 Interpersonal Communication
- SPC 3311 Social Media for Professionals
- SPC 3513 Argumentation and Debate
- SPC 3602 Advanced Public Speaking
- SPC 4540 Persuasion
- SPC 4683 Rhetorical Approaches to Media
- SPC 4710 Intercultural Communication
- SPC 4905 Independent Directed Study in Communication

Education

- EDF 3122 Learning and the Developing Child
- EDF 3251 Classroom Management
- EDF 3430 Testing and Measurement
- EDF 4905 Independent Directed Study in Education
- EEX 3050 Survey of Special Education
- LAE 3414 History of Children's and Adolescent Literature
- TSL 3080 Introduction to TESOL
- TSL 4081 TESOL Issues and Practices

English

- AML 3311 Major Figures in American Literature
- AML 4223 American Romanticism
- AML 4233 American Realism and Naturalism
- AML 4242 20th Century American Literature
- ENG 3014 Introduction to Literary Studies
- ENG 3063 Advanced Grammar: Analysis and Application
- ENG 4060 History of the English Language
- ENG 4905 Independent Directed Study in English
- ENL 3210 Medieval British Literature
- ENL 3333 Shakespearean Drama
- ENL 4240 British Romantic Literature
- ENL 4251 Victorian Literature and Culture
- LIT 3031 Selected Topics in Poetry
- LIT 3103 Selected Studies in World Literature

Health Sciences

- APK 3004 Introduction to Kinesiology
- BCH 3023 Introduction to Biochemistry
- BSC 3933 Special Topics in Biology: Cell Biology
- BSC 3933 Special Topics in Biology: Neurophysiology
- MCB 3020 Microbiology
- PCB 3063 Genetics
- PHI 3633 Introduction to Biomedical Ethics

History

Note that students selecting History as a subject area for Liberal Studies are required to take at least one of the following courses: AMH 4172, AMH 4254, AMS 4811, AMS 4812.

- AMH 3130 The Age of Revolutionary America
- AMH 3170 The American Civil War and Reconstruction
- AMH 3201 Theodore Roosevelt's America
- AMH 3270 Post-1945 America
- AMH 3510 United States Diplomatic History I
- AMH 3511 United States Diplomatic History II
- AMH 3543 The Pacific War

- AMH 3621 History of Christianity in America (also offered as REL 3541)
- AMH 3622 History of the Restoration Movement (also offered as REL 3567)
- AMH 4172 The Civil War Era, 1861-1865
- AMH 4254 American and the World War II Experience
- AMS 4811 Intellectual History of America I: 1607 to 1865
- AMS 4812 Intellectual History of America II: 1865 to Present
- AMS 4905 Directed Study in American History
- ASH 3230 History of the Middle East
- ASH 3223 The Modern Middle East
- EUH 3245 Europe from 1914 to 1945
- EUH 3401 History of Ancient Greece
- EUH 3411 History of Ancient Rome
- EUH 4453 Era of the French Revolution and Napoleon Bonaparte

Humanities

- HUM 3224 Great Books—Classical Through Renaissance
- HUM 3330 Great Books—Greek and Roman (Honors Curriculum)
- HUM 3332 Great Books—Medieval and Renaissance (Honors Curriculum)
- HUM 4239 Great Books—17th and 18th Centuries (Honors Curriculum)
- HUM 4336 Great Books—19th and 20th Centuries (Honors Curriculum)

Mathematics

- MAS 4311 Elementary Abstract Algebra
- MGF 3301 Bridge to Abstract Mathematics

Music

- MUH 3211 Introduction to Western Music I: Antiquity to 1750
- MUH 3212 Introduction to Western Music II: 1750 to 1900
- MUH 4371 Music Since 1900
- MUH 4633 Music in the United States
- MUH 4905 Independent Directed Study in Music History

Physical Education

- APK 3004 Introduction to Kinesiology
- BSC 3933 Special Topics in Biology: Exercise Physiology
- BSC 3933 Special Topics in Biology: Nutrition
- PET 3251 Sports in American Society
- PHI 3633 Introduction to Biomedical Ethics
- PSY 4832 Sports Psychology

Religious Thought

- REL 3131 American Sects and Cults
- REL 3308 World Religions
- REL 3460 Philosophy of Religion
- REL 3719 Studies in Biblical Eschatology
- REL 3797 Studies in Catholic and Protestant Thought
- REL 4907 Directed Study in Religious Thought

Recommended Degree Plans

BA or BS IN LIBERAL STUDIES (TRACK 1 WITH FOUR COMPONENTS) (122 hours)

Fall - Year One	Hours	Spring - Year One	Hours
ENC 1101	3	ENC 1102	3
Math	3	Math	3
SPC 1608 - Public Speaking	3	Behavioral Science	3
REL 1210 - Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 - Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1273 - Biblical Worldview	1	REL 1780 - Evidences	1
Social Science	3	Social Science	3
PE Course	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Two	Hours	Spring - Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language/Natural Science	4	Foreign Language/Natural Science	4
REL 2261 - Pauline Epistles	2	REL 2262 - General Epistles	1
REL 2272 - Biblical Doctrine	1	LIT 2371 - OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
Humanities	3	HLP 2081 - Health and Wellness	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Three	Hours	Spring - Year Three	Hours
Bible	3	Bible	3
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Component III	3	Component III	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall - Year Four	Hours	Spring - Year Four	Hours
Bible	3	Bible	3
Component I	3	Great Books	3
Component II	3	Component I	3
Component III	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Component III	3
Total	15	Total	15

BA or BS IN LIBERAL STUDIES (TRACK 1 WITH THREE COMPONENTS) (122 hours)

Fall - Year One	Hours	Spring - Year One	Hours
ENC 1101	3	ENC 1102	3
Math	3	Math	3
SPC 1608 - Public Speaking	3	Behavioral Science	3
REL 1210 - Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 - Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1273 - Biblical Worldview	1	REL 1780 - Evidences	1
Social Science	3	Social Science	3
PE Course	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Two	Hours	Spring - Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language/Natural Science	4	Foreign Language/Natural Science	4
REL 2261 - Pauline Epistles	2	REL 2262 - General Epistles	1
REL 2272 - Biblical Doctrines	1	LIT 2371 - OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
Humanities	3	HLP 2081 - Health and Wellness	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Three	Hours	Spring - Year Three	Hours
Bible	3	Bible	3
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall - Year Four	Hours	Spring - Year Four	Hours
Bible	3	Bible	3
Component I	3	Great Books	3
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Component II	3
Total	15	Total	15

BA IN LIBERAL STUDIES (TRACK 2/HONORS) (122 hours)

Fall - Year One	Hours	Spring - Year One	Hours
ENC 1101	3	ENC 1102	3
Math	3	Math	3
SPC 1608 - Public Speaking	3	Behavioral Science	3
REL 1210 - Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 - Hist, & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1273 - Biblical Worldview	1	REL 1780 - Evidences	1
Social Science	3	Social Science	3
PE Course	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Two	Hours	Spring - Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4
REL 2261 - Pauline Epistles	2	REL 2262 - General Epistles	1
REL 2272 - Biblical Doctrines	1	LIT 2371 - OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
Humanities	3	HLP 2081 - Health and Wellness	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15
Fall - Year Three	Hours	Spring - Year Three	Hours
Bible	3	Bible	3
Great Books	3	Great Books	3
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall - Year Four	Hours	Spring - Year Four	Hours
Bible	3	Bible	3
Great Books	3	Great Books	3
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Senior Thesis	3
Total	15	Total	15