

Liberal Studies Department

Faculty

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Liberal Studies Mission Statement

The fourfold aim of the general education liberal 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 Student Learning Outcomes

The Liberal Studies student should achieve the following outcomes by the time of graduation:

1. The Liberal Studies graduate should be able to develop cogent written arguments supported by research.
2. The Liberal Studies graduate should be able to demonstrate knowledge of key content in at least three disciplines of upper-division study and articulate a rationale for combining these disciplines into an interdisciplinary degree.
3. The Liberal Studies graduate should be able to articulate critical issues of Christian faith and practice, including civic responsibility, from each chosen discipline.

Liberal Studies (BA or BS)

First awarded in 2003

Mr. T. Chandler, *Program Coordinator*

Entrance Requirements

The following minimum requirements will need to be accomplished for successful admission to the Liberal Studies baccalaureate programs:

- Completion of the general education requirements – Minimum GPA 2.00
- Request of and approval from the Program Coordinator for admission to the Liberal Studies baccalaureate program, including the declaration of one's intended degree program track and components.
- Selection and assigning of a Liberal Studies program academic advisor

Total Semester Hours

Students planning for a 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 Bible course each day that they take classes on the Florida College campus.

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 Bible 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 Bible are those that begin with the REL prefix. Courses acceptable for the Upper Division Bible program will be acceptable for Liberal Studies. Courses taken under the pass-fail option will not apply toward the 12-hour Bible 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. All component areas, including those not in the catalog (e.g., involving disciplines or courses offered at another institution), must be approved by the Liberal Studies program coordinator. A student may apply each course to only one component.

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

In addition to the Bible component, students must complete 39 hours at the 3000 and/or 4000 level. These hours must include a single three-hour Great Books course, which may be taken during any semester of the program. 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. In the final semester of the program, the student will integrate the chosen components and address the Student Learning Outcomes through a capstone course.

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 Bible 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 Program Coordinator 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 Program Coordinator, and by the Provost, 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 professional health programs (ex. medical school) 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 Bible. This 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 a bachelor's degree with a major in Liberal Studies.

Commencement

Candidates must participate in graduation exercises in the year of completing their other requirements. Any exception must be cleared through the Provost.

Courses in Liberal Studies

IDS 4890	Liberal Studies Capstone Course
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 lists below identify courses acceptable for each component offered at Florida College. Eligibility to take a course is determined by each department and includes any prerequisites stipulated by the department. Exceptions must be cleared by the appropriate Chair or Program Coordinator. 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. If there is a particular component you wish to pursue that is not listed, see the Program Coordinator.

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

Any upper division REL course may apply to this component.

Business Administration

Note that students selecting Business as a component 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.

Core Business Courses

- BUL 3320 Law & Business I (3 hours)
- FIN 3403 Principles of Finance (3 hours)
- GEB 3213 Communication in Business (3 hours)
- MAN 3025 Principles of Management (3 hours)
- MAN 3600 International Business (3 hours)
- MAN 3802 Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management (3 hours)
- MAR 3023 Principles of Marketing (3 hours)

Business Administration Major Courses

- INP 4004 Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3 hours)
- ISM 3004 Information Systems (3 hours)
- MAN 3301 Human Resources Management (3 hours)
- MAN 4129 Organizational Leadership (3 hours)
- MAN 4504 Operations Management (3 hours)

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
REL 3784 History and Methodology of Apologetics
REL 4905 Directed Study in Church History
REL 4932 Selected Topics in Church History

Communication

Note that prerequisites vary. You may identify the prerequisites for a course by reviewing the course descriptions section.

COM 3120 Organizational Communication
COM 3160 Writing for Communication Professions
COM 3302 Introduction to Research in Communication
COM 4930 Selected Topics in Communication
MMC 3602 Mass Communication and Society
ORI 3130 Oral Interpretation
PUR 3000 Public Relations
SPC 3301 Interpersonal Communication
SPC 3311 Social Media for Professionals
SPC 3360 Interviewing
SPC 3425 Small Group Communication
SPC 3513 Argumentation and Debate
SPC 3602 Advanced Public Speaking
SPC 3621 Great Speeches in American History
SPC 4540 Persuasion
SPC 4683 Rhetorical Approaches to Media
SPC 4710 Intercultural Communication

Education

EDE 4201 Curriculum and Instruction
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

English

AML 3311	Major Figures in American Literature
AML 4223	American Romanticism
AML 4233	American Realism and Naturalism
AML 4242	20th Century American Literature
CRW 3013	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENC 4212	Professional Editing and Writing
ENG 3014	Introduction to Literary Studies
ENG 3063	Advanced Grammar: Analysis and Application
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

Finance

Courses for the Finance component should mirror the upper division courses available for the Finance minor (see that section of the Catalog). Pay attention to the prerequisites for those courses (e.g. ACG 2001, ACG 2011, ECO 2013, ECO 2023). Unlike other components offered by the Business Department, the Finance component does not require GEB 1011 or MAN 3025. Course overrides may be necessary for some component courses which require GEB 1011 and/or MAN 3025, and those may be granted only if approved by the Program Director.

FIN 3403 is required as it is the prerequisite for other upper division finance courses and may be taken after completing all lower division accounting, economics, and math requirements. In addition to the courses below, some upper division Business Program Core courses may apply to this component. However, the majority of component hours must be from the Finance specialization.

- FIN 3403 Principles of Finance (3 hours)
- FIN 4443 Financial Policies & Strategies (3 hours)
- FIN 4453 Financial Modeling & Analysis (3 hours)
- FIN 4504 Principles of Investment (3 hours)
- MAN 4504 Operations Management (3 hours)
- REE 4304 Real Estate Investment (3 hours)

Health Science

Note that prerequisites vary. You may identify the prerequisites for a course by reviewing the course descriptions section.

BCH 3023	Introduction to Biochemistry
BSC 3933	Special Topics: Nutrition
MCB 3020	Microbiology
MCB 4503	Virology
PCB 3103	Cell Biology
PCB 3063	Genetics
PCB 4843	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience
PHI 3633	Introduction to Biomedical Ethics

History

Students who select History as a subject area for Liberal Studies are required to take at least one of the following courses: AMS 4811 or 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
AMS 4811	Intellectual History of America I: 1607 to 1865
AMS 4812	Intellectual History of America II: 1865 to Present
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
HIS 4930	Selected Topics in History

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)

Marketing

Courses for the Marketing component should mirror the upper division courses available for the Marketing minor (see that section of the Catalog). In addition to the courses below, some upper division Business Program Core courses may apply to this component. However, the majority of component hours must be from the Marketing specialization.

- MAN 3025 Principles of Management (3 hours)
- MAR 3023 Principles of Marketing (3 hours)
- MAR 3323 Promotion Strategies (3 hours)
- MAR 3503 Consumer Behavior (3 hours)
- MAR 4804 Marketing Strategy (3 hours)
- MAR 4613 Marketing Research (3 hours)
- MAR 4721 Digital Marketing (3 hours)

Mass Media

CMC 3215	Advanced Audio Production
COM 3945	Communication Internship
ENG 3120	History and Literacy of Cinema
MMC 3104	Writing and Editing for Media
RTV 3204	Radio & TV Broadcast
RTV 3514	Advanced Video Production
SPC 3311	Social Media for Professionals
SPC 4683	Rhetorical Approaches to Media
VIC 3001	Visual Communication and Production

Mathematics

MAS 3105 Linear Algebra
MAS 4301 Elementary Abstract Algebra
MGF 3301 Bridge to Abstract Mathematics
STA 3024 Advanced Statistics

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 3163 Sports Nutrition
PHI 3633 Intro to Biomedical Ethics
APK 4905 Special Topics Personal Perspectives in Kinesiology
APK 3304 Prevention & Care of Athletic Injuries
APK 3004 Kinesiology (availability may be limited. Talk with the Program Director)
APK 3405 Ex. Phys with lab (availability may be limited. Talk with the Program Director)

Psychology

APK 4600 Physical Change and Aging
CLP 3622 Ethics in Psychology and Health
CLP 4143 Abnormal Psychology
CLP 4314 Health Psychology
CLP 4414 Behavior Modification
CLP 4434 Psychological Tests & Measurement
DEP 4054 Developmental Psychology
EDF 3122 Learning and the Developing Child
EEX 3050 Survey of Special Education
EXP 3403 Psychology of Learning
EXP 4204 Perception
EXP 4304 Motivation/Emotion
EXP 4607 Cognitive Psychology
INP 4004 Industrial/Organizational Psychology
PPE 4003 Psychology of Personality
PSB 3002 Physiological Psychology
PSY 2027 Careers in Psychology
PSY 3213 Research Methods
PSY 3604 History and Systems
PSY 3860 Positive Psychology
PSY 4832 Sports Psychology
SOP 4004 Social Psychology
SOP 4723 Cultural Psychology
SPS 3004 Psychology in the Schools

Religious Thought

REL 3131 American Sects and Cults
REL 3308 World Religions
REL 3460 Philosophy of Religion
REL 3719 Studies in Biblical Eschatology
REL 3784 History and Methodology of Apologetics
REL 3797 Studies in Catholic and Protestant Thought

Sports Management

Courses for the Sports Management component should mirror the upper division courses available for the Sports Management minor (see that section of the Catalog). In addition to the courses below, some upper division Business Program Core courses may apply to this component. However, the majority of component hours must be from the Sports Management specialization.

- MAN 3025 Principles of Management (3 hours)
- SPM 3004 Introduction to Sport Management (3 hours)
- SPM 4104 Facility & Event Management (3 hours) – alternating even Fall terms
- SPM 4154 Organization & Administration of Sports (3 hours) – alternating odd Spring terms
- PET 3251 Sports in American Society (3 hours) – alternating even Spring terms
- PSY 4832 Sport Psychology (3 hours) – alternating even Summer terms

Recommended Degree Plans

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

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101	3	Behavioral Science	3
Math	3	ENC 1102	3
PE Course	1	Math	3
Social Science	3	Social Science	3
Public Speaking	3	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	TR Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language/Natural Science	4	Foreign Language/Natural Science	4
Humanities	3	HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	1
MWF Daily Bible	2	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
Elective/Prerequisites	3	Elective/Prerequisites	3
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Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
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
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
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 shown)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101	3	Behavioral Science	3
Math	3	ENC 1102	3
PE Course	1	Math	3
Social Science	3	Social Science	3
Public Speaking	3	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	TR Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language/Natural Science	4	Foreign Language/Natural Science	4
Humanities	3	HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	1
MWF Daily Bible	2	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
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
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component I	3	Component II	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Great Books	3
Total	15	Total	15

BA IN LIBERAL STUDIES (TRACK 2/HONORS) (122 HOURS shown)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101	3	Behavioral Science	3
Math	3	ENC 1102	3
PE Course	1	Math	3
Social Science	3	Social Science	3
Public Speaking	3	REL 1240 – Hist, & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	TR Daily Bible	1
TR Daily Bible	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
Foreign Language	4	Foreign Language	4
Humanities	3	HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	1
MWF Daily Bible	2	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
TR Daily Bible	1	TR Daily Bible	1
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Great Books	3	Great Books	3
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
MWF Daily UL Bible	2	MWF Daily UL Bible	2
TR Daily UL Bible	1	TR Daily UL Bible	1
Component I	3	Component I	3
Component II	3	Component II	3
Elective	3	Great Books	3
Great Books	3	Senior Thesis	3
Total	15	Total	15