

Liberal Studies, *an Undergraduate Teacher* *Preparation Program*

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Liberal Studies – [BS](#)

Faculty from the following disciplines help to offer the required curriculum in the major: Art and Design, Biological Sciences, English, Ethnic Studies, History, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Physics, Psychology and Child Development, Social Sciences, Statistics, Theatre, and Education.

Liberal Studies is a pre-professional Teacher Preparation Program leading to enrollment in a Multiple Subject Credential Program. The mission of Liberal Studies is to ensure that students are prepared to teach competently and professionally each of the seven content areas in the state-mandated curriculum (K-8). These include language arts, mathematics, science, history/social sciences, visual and performing arts, health/physical education and human development. Liberal Studies provides the educational experience and preparation best suited for the prospective elementary teacher.

Choice of Emphasis Areas

A “depth of study” is required of all students seeking a multiple subject credential by the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing. Liberal Studies majors choose an “emphasis” area in which they take 16 units of coursework (minimally 8 units at the upper division) in one of the following areas: arts, English, child development, history - social studies, kinesiology, science, mathematics, music, or Spanish.

Program Learning Objectives

BS Liberal Studies

- A. Demonstrate subject matter mastery, pedagogical and professional knowledge.
- B. Demonstrate ability to translate theory into practice to foster learning, mentoring and leadership
- C. Understand relationships of one discipline to another; integrate the content of one discipline into another

- D. Establish collaborations and partnerships to enhance professional practice and student success.
- E. Demonstrate ability to engage in change, tolerance and inclusion, advance principles of social justice, equity and ethical practice.
- F. Demonstrate reflective practice to uphold professional standards and enact a disposition for personal growth and advancement in the education field.