
Liberal Studies

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Offered by the Division

Major in liberal studies with the B.A. degree in applied arts and sciences.

The Majors

The liberal studies blended teacher education major and traditional liberal studies major are designed solely for students who intend to teach at the elementary level. Both are four-year stand-alone majors, which may be completed independent of a credential program. The liberal studies blended teacher education major, however, may be completed as a part of the five-year liberal studies blended teacher education program, which integrates the undergraduate content courses with credential coursework. Details of the final year of this program are still being refined.

Both liberal studies majors are designed to satisfy the Senate Bill 2042 requirements for elementary subject matter programs approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing in September 2001. Students completing the major, including a satisfactory assessment portfolio, do not have to satisfy subject matter competency by passing the California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET). Students in all other majors must pass this examination before being admitted to a multiple subject credential program in California. Liberal studies majors who ultimately choose not to enter the teaching profession find opportunities in a variety of careers.

The goal of the program is to provide an educational experience that prepares liberally educated individuals capable of thinking critically, writing clearly and effectively, analyzing evidence, and appreciating the difference in goals, processes, and evaluation of the major disciplines: literature, history, mathematics, science, visual and performing arts, and physical education. In addition, studies of human development help students understand the developmental stages of the children they will ultimately teach. Field experiences provide a context for observing, interviewing, and tutoring in elementary classrooms.

The liberal studies blended teacher education major includes a special core of freshmen-sophomore courses: Teaching as a Profession, Introduction to Literacy, and Child and Adolescent Development from a Cultural Perspective. The liberal studies major includes a more traditional core of courses: Introduction to Psychology, Developmental Psychology, and an additional history, philosophy, or religious studies course. The upper division requirements for both majors include a number of courses specifically designed for future elementary teachers including children's literature, linguistics, mathematics, inquiry-

based science, early world and United States/California history for teachers, hands-on art and performing arts courses, and child development.

Students in both majors complete a specialization, which consists of 12-units in a given discipline. In the new SB 2042 program, one course from the upper division major may be double counted in some specializations. See the specific requirements below. Specializations focus on the major subject areas taught in the schools plus human development. Thus, graduates can help each other once they begin teaching. Careful choice of courses for certain specializations can lead to a supplementary authorization in a specific subject area if the student desires to teach at the middle school level. Because Liberal Studies students automatically qualify for a supplementary authorization in English, they may be able to complete the major with supplementary authorizations in two subject areas.

The senior project for both liberal studies majors is the Liberal Studies Assessment Portfolio. Students are introduced to the portfolio during orientation, special workshops, and via the Web site. They buy the guidelines and contrast the disciplines when they take Liberal Studies 300 during their junior year. They begin organizing samples and writing their essays the semester before submission when they take the 0.5 unit Liberal Studies 498 course. Students are strongly encouraged to save both syllabi and written work (exams, projects, and other materials) from all their courses. Students should ask their professors to sign their work. The portfolio serves as the summative assessment for the major; it challenges students to synthesize and think reflectively about what they are learning.

Advising is extremely important because students must make numerous decisions that include choosing appropriate courses, shaping the specialization, preparing the assessment portfolio, and planning for the credential program. See the Web site for current information, advising procedures, and e-mail questions. Information about SDSU credential programs and financial aid opportunities is available at the Future Educators Center (ED-107; 619 594-6320).

Requirements for Elementary Subject Matter (ESM) Certification

To qualify for admission into a credential program in California, a student must satisfy subject matter competency. In order to be certified, liberal studies students must complete all requirements, submit a satisfactory portfolio, AND earn a "C" or better in all but one of the courses in the upper division major including the specialization. Students may repeat a given requirement only two times; they may repeat at most three different requirements. When repeating a requirement to improve a grade, any course listed under the requirement may be taken; it is not necessary to repeat the same course.

Deadline for Certification

Students in 2002-2003 and earlier catalogs must complete all requirements for ESM Certification by the end of summer semester 2008. Students who do not meet this deadline may 1) graduate without the ESM certification by satisfying the requirements in their original 2002-2003 or earlier catalog year or 2) graduate with the ESM certification by satisfying the requirements in the new 2003-2004 or later catalog in effect the year they graduate.

Impacted Program

The liberal studies major is an impacted program. The traditional and blended liberal studies majors are impacted programs. Students must enter the University under the liberal studies blended teacher education premajor code (49080) or the liberal studies premajor code (49012). To be admitted to the liberal studies blended teacher education major (49081) or the traditional liberal studies major (49015), students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete with a grade of C or higher: a certified Area A1 Oral Communication course; a certified Area A3 Intermediate Composition and Critical Thinking course; Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 241A and 241B; and Mathematics 210 and 211. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);
- Clear the competency requirement in writing. Refer to Graduation Requirements section of this catalog for details;
- Earn a passing score on the Mathematics Departmental Placement Examination (Part LS);
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher;
- To gain entry into the major, students must fulfill the premajor requirements described in the catalog in effect at the time they declare the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment);
- To declare the liberal studies major, contact the liberal studies program via the Web site.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Courses (LIB S)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

300. Introduction to Liberal Studies (3)

Prerequisites: Preparation for the major completed or to be completed concurrently. Completion of lower division Writing Competency and Entry-Level Mathematics requirements.

Introduction to ideas, structures, and values within and among the various disciplines in this interdisciplinary major. Exploration of issues of diversity in contemporary society through directed field experience and required readings. Individual qualitative evaluation process required by major included.

498. Assessment in Liberal Studies (0.5-1) Cr/NC

Prerequisites: Successful completion of two upper division semesters of liberal studies major; upper division major code.

Portfolio development including reflections upon educational experiences in each subject area and role as future educator. Students will explore differences between subject areas and reflect upon learning and teaching.

Liberal Studies Blended Teacher Education Major

With the B.A. Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences
(Pre-major code: 49080) (Major code: 49081)

This major is designed for students:

- who choose their major early in their freshman year;
- who have the flexibility during daytime hours to allow classroom visits plus two 30-hour field experiences (coupled with Education 201 and Liberal Studies 300); and/or
- who enter SDSU as freshmen or transfer from a community college that offers the special courses required for the liberal studies blended teacher education major.

Students in this major who choose to seek a multiple subject credential may apply to any traditional, fifth-year credential program. However, they are encouraged to apply to the liberal studies blended teacher education credential program (see below), which integrates the undergraduate major with the multiple subject credential program. The liberal studies and College of Education Web sites contain current information and prerequisites for SDSU credential programs.

All candidates for a degree in applied arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Completion of the Liberal Studies Blended Teacher Education major fulfills General Education requirements.

A minor is not required for this major.

Liberal Studies Foreign Language Requirement. Competency (successful completion at the second college semester or third college quarter level) is required in one foreign language as part of the preparation for the major. For course choices, refer to section of the catalog on "Graduation Requirements." Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 259 is allowed by petition only for those students who provide evidence that they intend to enroll in the deaf and hard of hearing specialist credential program.

Cultural Perspective Requirement. Preparation for the liberal studies blended teacher education major must include at least one course that approaches its subject from an ethnic perspective. Choose one of the courses indicated by a star (*).

Preparation for the Major. (59–59.5 units)

Language and Literature

LANG-1. Three units selected from Africana Studies 140*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 111A*, Communication 103, or any certified oral communication (A1) transfer course.

LANG-2. Three units selected from Africana Studies 120*; Chicana and Chicano Studies 111B*; Linguistics 100; Rhetoric and Writing Studies 100, 101; or any certified written communication (A2) transfer course.

LANG-3. Three units selected from Africana Studies 200*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 200*, Linguistics 200, Philosophy 110, Rhetoric and Writing Studies 200, or any certified critical thinking (A3) transfer course.

LANG-4. Three units selected from Comparative Literature 270A, 270B; English 220.

History and Social Science

HIST-1. Geography 106.

HIST-2. Three units selected from Africana Studies 170A*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 141A*, History 109.

HIST-3. Three units selected from Africana Studies 170B* (recommended), Chicana and Chicano Studies 141B* (recommended), History 110, Political Science 102 (highly recommended for students seeking social science supplementary authorization).

HIST-4. Three units selected from History 100; Religious Studies 101.

Mathematics

MATH-1. Mathematics 210.

MATH-2. Mathematics Education 212 (1-1.5 units). (Taken concurrently with Mathematics 210.)

MATH-3. Mathematics 211.

Science

SCI-1. Three units selected from Geological Sciences 104 (earth science) or Natural Science 100 (physical science).

SCI-2. Biology 203 (4 units; includes laboratory).

Visual and Performing Arts

VPA-1. Three units selected from Art 157 or Theatre 120.

VPA-2. Three units selected from Music 102, or Dance 290 (2 units) plus Dance 100A-J (1 unit).

Development, Health, and Physical Education

DHP-1. Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 241A (1 unit) and 241B (1 unit).

DHP-2 Health: A 1-unit health course will be required for subject matter certification; check with adviser.

Blended Core

BL-1. Education 200.

BL-2. Education 201.

BL-3. General Studies 130.

BL-4. General Education Humanities: Complete a second semester level foreign language course (not American Sign Language) OR, if foreign language requirement has been completed (see Liberal Studies Foreign Language Requirement above), then complete a minimum of three units selected from a more advanced foreign language course, History 100, Religious Studies 101, or Philosophy 101 (may not use the course chosen for HIST-4).

Liberal Studies Major (Traditional)

**With the B.A. Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences
(Pre-major code: 49012) (Major Code: 49015)**

This major is designed for students:

- who choose their major after their freshman year;
- who have limited time available during the day for field experience; and/or
- who transfer from a community college that does not offer the special courses required for the liberal studies blended teacher education major.

Students in this major who choose to seek a multiple subject credential must apply to a traditional, fifth-year credential program. They do not qualify for admission to the liberal studies blended teacher education credential program, which integrates the undergraduate major with the multiple subject credential program. The liberal studies and College of Education Web sites contain current information and prerequisites for the SDSU credential programs.

All candidates for a degree in applied arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Completion of the traditional Liberal Studies major fulfills General Education requirements.

A minor is not required for this major.

Liberal Studies Foreign Language Requirement. Competency (successful completion at the second college semester or third college quarter level) is required in one foreign language as part of the preparation for the major. For course choices, refer to section of the catalog on "Graduation Requirements." Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 259 is allowed by petition only for those students who provide evidence that they intend to enroll in the deaf and hard of hearing specialist credential program.

Preparation for the Major. (56–56.5 units; plus foreign language)

Language and Literature

LANG-1. Three units selected from Africana Studies 140, Chicana and Chicano Studies 111A, Communication 103, or any certified oral communication (A1) transfer course.

LANG-2. Three units selected from Africana Studies 120; Chicana and Chicano Studies 111B; Linguistics 100; Rhetoric and Writing Studies 100, 101; or any certified written communication (A2) transfer course.

LANG-3. Three units selected from Africana Studies 200, Chicana and Chicano Studies 200, Linguistics 200, Philosophy 110, Rhetoric and Writing Studies 200, or any certified critical thinking (A3) transfer course.

LANG-4. Three units selected from Comparative Literature 270A, 270B; English 220.

History and Social Science

HIST-1. Geography 106.

HIST-2. Three units selected from Africana Studies 170A, Chicana and Chicano Studies 141A, History 109.

HIST-3. Three units selected from Africana Studies 170B, Chicana and Chicano Studies 141B, History 110, Political Science 102 (highly recommended for students seeking social science supplementary authorization).

HIST-4. History 100.

Mathematics

MATH-1. Mathematics 210.

MATH-2. Mathematics Education 212 (1-1.5 units). (Concurrently with Math 210 recommended.)

MATH-3. Mathematics 211.

Science

SCI-1. Three units selected from Geological Sciences 104 (earth science) or Natural Science 100 (physical science).

SCI-2. Biology 203 (4 units; includes laboratory) recommended; Biology 100 and 100L.

Visual and Performing Arts

VPA-1. Three units selected from Art 157 or Theatre 120.

VPA-2. Three units selected from Music 102 or Dance 290 (2 units) plus Dance 100A-J (1 unit).

Development, Health, and Physical Education

DHP-1. Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 241A (1 unit) and 241B (1 unit).

DHP-2 Health: A 1-unit health course will be required for subject matter certification; check with adviser.

Traditional Core

TR-1. Three units selected from Philosophy 101; Religious Studies 101.

TR-2. Psychology 101.

TR-3. Psychology 230.

TR-4. Complete a second semester-level foreign language course if the foreign language requirement has not been completed (see Liberal Studies Foreign Language Requirement above). American Sign Language may be used by petition only by students who provide evidence that they intend to enroll in the deaf and hard of hearing specialist credential.

Upper Division Major Requirements for Both Majors

Upper Division Writing Requirement. English 306W, with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Upper Division Major. (42.5 units)

Language and Literature

LANG-5. Linguistics 420.

LANG-6. Linguistics 452.

LANG-7. English 306W. (Passing with a C or better satisfies the upper division writing graduation requirement.)

LANG-8. English 306A. (English 306A and 306W must be taken concurrently.)

History and Social Science

HIST-5. History 411.

HIST-6. History 413.

Mathematics

MATH-4. Mathematics 311 (2 units).

MATH-5. Mathematics 313.

Science

SCI-3. Natural Science 412A (physical science, if Geological Sciences 104 taken for SCI-1) or Natural Science 412D (earth science, if Natural Science 100 taken for SCI-1). (4 units).

SCI-4. Chemistry 308.

Visual and Performing Arts

VPA-3 and VPA-4: Choose one of the following options:

Option I: If Art 157 and Music 102 lower division, choose Art 387 or Music 343 plus three additional units selected from Art 387, Dance 380B, Music 343, Theatre 310, or Theatre 315.

Option II: If Art 157 and Dance 290/100A-J, choose Art 387 or Dance 380B plus three additional units selected from Art 387, Dance 380B, Theatre 310, or Theatre 315.

Option III: If Theatre 120 and Music 102 lower division, choose Music 343, Theatre 310, or Theatre 315, plus Art 387.

Option IV: If Theatre 120 and Dance 290/100A-J lower division, choose Dance 380B, Theatre 310, or Theatre 315, plus Art 387.

Development, Health, and Physical Education

DHP-3. Three units selected from Child and Family Development 371 or Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 322.

Nature of the Disciplines and Assessment

LS-1. Liberal Studies 300.

LS-2. Liberal Studies 498 (0.5 units) and satisfactory completion of the Liberal Studies Assessment Portfolio. (For additional information, see below.)

In order to graduate with the liberal studies major, every student must complete a satisfactory portfolio.

To qualify for admission into a credential program in California, a student must satisfy subject matter competency. In order to be certified, liberal studies students must complete all requirements, submit a satisfactory portfolio, AND earn a "C" or better in all but one of the courses in the upper division major including the specialization. Students may repeat a given requirement only two times; they may repeat at most three different requirements. When repeating a requirement to improve a grade, any course listed under the requirement may be taken; it is not necessary to repeat the same course.

Specialization (9-12 units)

All students shall complete a specialization. For the literature, linguistics, social science, mathematics, science, art, music, theatre, and human development specializations, one course from the major may double count both in the major and specialization. If a course may double count, the requirement number from the major is listed in parentheses following the course. Thus, "English 306A (LANG-8 in major)" indicates that English 306A satisfies both requirement LANG-8 in the major and the children's literature requirement in the specialization; only nine additional units are needed to complete the specialization.

Prerequisites are enforced: Students should choose lower division courses carefully.

A minor may not be substituted for a specialization.

Complete one of the following specializations (listed by subject area).

1. LITERATURE

Prerequisite: Comparative Literature 270A, 270B; or English 220.

Children's Literature: English 306A (LANG-8 in major).

American Ethnic Literature: Three units selected from Africana Studies 365; American Indian Studies 430; Chicana and Chicano Studies 335; English 519, 520; Women's Studies 352.

Shakespeare: Three units selected from English 302, 533.

General Literature: Three units selected from English 409, 410, 502, 503, 523, 524.

2. LINGUISTICS+

Prerequisite: Linguistics 420.

Language Acquisition: Linguistics 452 (LANG-6 in major).

Depth: Six units selected from Linguistics 524, 551, 552, 553, and either 430 or 530.

Current Issues and Applications: Linguistics 550.

+ For information on the Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language (ESL) Certificate, see the linguistics section of the catalog.

3. SPANISH

(12 upper division units required; extra prerequisites may be required.)

Native Speakers+ (Defined as high school graduates of Spanish-speaking countries.) Native speakers are not eligible for the Spanish specialization.

U.S. Hispanics+ (Defined as students who have passed the Spanish Diagnostic Placement Examination. Examination must be passed prior to enrollment in Spanish 281 and 381.)

Prerequisite: Spanish 281.

Foundations and Inquiry: Spanish 381 and 350.

Culture or Linguistics: Three units selected from Spanish 340, 341, 342, 448.

Literature: Three units selected from Spanish 405A, 405B, 406A, 406B.

English Speakers+ (Defined as native English speakers and other students who cannot pass the Spanish Diagnostic Placement Examination.)

Prerequisites: Spanish 202, 212.

Foundations and Inquiry: Spanish 301, 302, and 350.

Literature: Three units selected from Spanish 405A, 405B, 406A, 406B.

+ Contact the Department of Policy Studies in Language and Cross-Cultural Education about the Spanish Language Proficiency and Cultural Awareness Examination, a prerequisite for the bilingual credential program.

4. SOCIAL SCIENCE

Prerequisites: Geography 106, HIST-2 course, HIST-3 course, History 100.

Foundations and Inquiry: History 413 (HIST-6 in major).

Breadth and Current Issues: Three units selected from History 410, 412.

California: Three units selected from History 444, 445.

Depth: Three units selected from Geography 321 or Political Science 320+ (not allowed after Political Science 102).

+ Must have Political Science 102 or 320 in order to qualify for the supplementary authorization in Social Science.

5. ETHNIC STUDIES

(12 upper division units required)

Prerequisites: Geography 106, HIST-2 course, HIST-3 course, History 100 or Religious Studies 101.

Foundations and Inquiry: Sociology 355.

Breadth, Depth, and Application: Nine units to include at least one course from each category.

A. Ethnic Community and Identity: Africana Studies 471A, 471B; American Indian Studies 320, 440, 470; Chicana and Chicano Studies 320, 350B, 376, History 422.

B. Ethnic Politics and Community Issues: Africana Studies 320, 321, 420, 452; American Indian Studies 480; Asian Studies 460; Chicana and Chicano Studies 301, 480.

6. MATHEMATICS

(Extra prerequisite may be required.)

Prerequisite: Mathematics 210, 211; Mathematics Education 212; plus Mathematics 141 (if did not have the equivalent of precalculus in high school)

Foundations and Inquiry: Mathematics 313 (MATH-5 in major)

Calculus for Life Science: Mathematics 121.

Depth: Three units selected from Mathematics 302, 303.

Depth and Applications: Mathematics 413.

7. SCIENCE

(One additional upper division unit required.)

Prerequisites: Geological Sciences 104 or Natural Science 100; Biology 203 or Biology 100 and 100L.

Foundations and Inquiry: Natural Science 412A (SCI-3 in major) (4 units)

Breadth and Current Issues: Select three units from Biology 315, 319, 324, 327.

Depth and Application: Three units selected from Astronomy 310; Chemistry 300; Geology 301, 303; Oceanography 320; Physics 301.

Inquiry and Research on an Environmental Problem: Natural Science 412D (4 units).

8. ART

Prerequisite: Art 157.

Foundations and Inquiry: Art 387 (VPA-3 in major)

Depth: Complete nine units from the Art History Track or Studio Arts Track.

Art History Track: Art 557, 558, 559 560, 564*, 565*, 569*, 570*, 573A, 573B, 575, 577.

Studio Arts Track: Students with sufficient lower division coursework may complete nine upper-division units in studio arts to be approved in advance by the School of Art, Design, and Art History and the liberal studies adviser.

* Recommend one course with a non-western emphasis.

9. MUSIC

(Three additional prerequisite units required.)

Prerequisites: Music 102, 110A, 115, 240.

Foundations and Inquiry: Music 343 (VPA-3 in major)

Breadth and Current Issues: Music 345.

Great Music: Three units selected from Africana Studies 385; Chicana and Chicano Studies 310; Music 351A, 351B, 351D.

Performance: Three units from Music 369+, 170/370+, 174/374+, 175/375+, 177/377+, 180/380+, 185/385+, 186/386+, 189/389+, 445++.

+ Consent of instructor required. Previous experience playing an instrument required except for Music 185/385 and 186/386.

++ For students who do not already play an instrument or sing, Music 445 may be completed three times with different content.

10. THEATRE

Prerequisite: Theatre 120.

Foundations and Inquiry: Theatre 310 (VPA-3 in major)

Breadth and Current Issues: Theatre 315 (may not double count in the major)

Depth and Application: Theatre 510 and 580.

11. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

(12 upper division units required)

Prerequisites: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 241A and 241B.

Foundations and Inquiry: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 301+, 335+.

Breadth and Current Issues: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 348+++.

Depth and Application: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 347A++, 347B++, 398+ (1 unit)

+ Prerequisite: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 241A, 241B.

++ Prerequisite: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 301.

+++ Prerequisite: Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 347A, 347B.

12. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

(Extra prerequisite may be required; may include one additional upper division unit.)

Prerequisites: Psychology 101; General Studies 130 or Psychology 230.

Foundations and Inquiry: Child and Family Development 371 or Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 322 (DHP-3 in major).

Depth: Psychology 331.

Special Populations: Six units selected from Child and Family Development 537; General Studies 420; Psychology 333; Special Education 500; Special Education 501 and 502 (4 units); Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences 350.
