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B.A. Program!



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Liberal Studies ♥ Transfer and Returning Students!

Liberal Studies at UC Merced is **one of the university's most flexible and accessible majors**, making it an ideal choice for students transferring from another institution or returning to college to complete their degrees. The flexible curriculum recognizes and values the diverse paths students take to reach UC Merced, ensuring that your previous coursework counts. With multiple options to tailor your studies and specialized advising support, you can design a program that aligns with your interests and goals while staying on track for graduation. The major also encourages exploration across the social sciences, humanities, and arts, helping you make meaningful connections between disciplines and prepare for a wide range of careers and further study.

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WHY APPLY TO THE LIBERAL STUDIES, B.A.?

The B.A. in Liberal Studies is designed for curious, open-minded students who see value in asking big questions about people, culture, and society. If your interests cross the boundaries of the social sciences, humanities, and arts, this program helps you bring them together in meaningful ways. You'll not only design a degree that reflects your interests and ambitions but also discover new directions that inspire you. Along the way, you'll build the kind of versatile knowledge and skills that employers look for, preparing you to thrive in whatever career path you choose.

WHAT CLASSES WILL I TAKE?

As a Liberal Studies major, you'll complete:

- LBST 001, a **cornerstone course** that introduces you to the major and its integrative approach.
- In 001, you'll build a **personalized pathway** through the major, selecting courses from across the School of Social Sciences, Humanities, & Arts—from History to Psychology to Public Health and beyond!
- LBST 191, a **capstone course** that helps you reflect on and synthesize what you've learned and connect your learning to professional goals.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN TEACHING?

Liberal Studies is the major of choice for students seeking to become elementary school teachers in California. With a degree in Liberal Studies, you will satisfy the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) and accelerate your journey toward a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. And with only 12 additional units, you can pair your Liberal Studies major with a **Natural Sciences Education minor** to gain fieldwork experience required for admission to a teaching credential program and complete additional education coursework that can count toward your teaching credential.

Liberal Studies at UC Merced offers you the chance to connect what you're learning with real-world experience, including:

- Undergraduate research opportunities **working side-by-side with faculty** to address the needs of Central Valley schools.
- Paid internships through the **CalTeach Learning Lab**, our campus outreach hub for K-12 classrooms, introducing area students to STEAM concepts in hands-on and exciting ways.
- Teaching experience through the Learning Lab's **Bobcat Summer STEM Academy**, designing and facilitating multi-day and week-long summer STEAM workshops for area K-12 students.

JOB/CAREER PROSPECTS

As a Liberal Studies major, you'll build a broad, interdisciplinary foundation that prepares you for a wide range of careers. You'll develop durable, transferable skills that employers value—integrative thinking, collaborative problem-solving, effective communication, comfort with complexity and change, and a deep sense of social responsibility. In addition to careers in education, Liberal Studies majors are commonly employed in leadership roles in sectors like healthcare, human services, and government, applying their skills to strengthen organizations that serve the public good. Top job titles for Liberal Studies graduates in California include:

- Non-profit organization manager
- Operations manager
- Marketing manager
- Project management specialist

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