

LIBERAL STUDIES, MULTIDISCIPLINARY, B.A.

Mission

The mission of the Liberal Studies, Multidisciplinary major (<https://www.biola.edu/degrees/u/liberal-studies-multidisciplinary-ba/>) is to provide a broad, liberal arts education to Christian students, enriching their personal and professional life in a wide range of subjects, such as literature, math, science, history, communications, Bible, theology, music and art, preparing them to step into professional educational roles, or graduate school, with a quality, liberal arts background.

Degree Program

A Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies, Multidisciplinary is offered upon completion of the University baccalaureate and major requirements.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon the completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, Multidisciplinary, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate foundational knowledge and comprehension of subject matter content (ULO 1).
2. Integrate personal faith with intellectual learning through incorporating subject matter knowledge with Christian beliefs (ULO 1, 2).
3. Develop effective communication skills (ULO 2, 3).
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills by synthesizing information from multiple sources (ULO 1).
5. Identify and/or adapt evidence-based and promising practices that are culturally and linguistically competent (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/#UniversityLearningOutcomes>) of this catalog.

Program Requirements

Writing Competency

Every Biola student must fulfill the Writing Competency Requirement (WCR). Liberal Studies, Multidisciplinary students fulfill the WCR by passing ENGL 3134 with a C+ or better. If they fail to meet this requirement, they must consult with their major advisor for an alternative WCR pathway. For more information, see the Writing Competency Requirement section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-requirements-policies/#WritingCompetencyRequirement>).

Torrey Honors College

Please refer to the footnotes regarding the Core Curriculum courses that are covered by the Torrey Honors College.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Program Courses Meeting Core Curriculum Requirements		
Behavioral Science:		
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	3
English:		
ENGL 3134	Writing in the Disciplines for Educators	3
Fine Arts: ¹		
Select one of the following:		
ARTS 100	Art Appreciation	
CNMA 110	Film Appreciation	
MUSC 101	Music Appreciation	
THTR 160	Theatre Appreciation	
Integration Seminar:		
BBST 4652	Integration Seminar: Christian Philosophy of Education	3
Kinesiology & Health Science:		
KNES 107	Lifetime Wellness	1
KNES 201	Elementary Physical Education Methods and Activities (or one Lifetime Wellness activity)	1-2
Philosophy: ¹		
Select one of the following:		
PHIL 210	Introduction to Logic	
PHIL 214	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 215	Introduction to Ethics	
Science/Math:		
BIOS 105	Biology for Educators	4
MATH 117	Fundamentals of Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
U.S. History: ¹		
HIST 200	United States History To 1865	3
Program Courses		
HIST 201	United States History Since 1865	3
HIST 403	California History	3
LEDU 301	Introduction to Teaching ²	3
LEDU 306	Elementary Art Workshop	1
LEDU 324	Performing Arts in Education	1
LEDU 335	Child Development: Birth through Adolescence ³	3
LEDU 380	Children's Literature	3
MATH 118	Fundamentals of Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II	3
MUSC 310	Elementary Music Workshop	2
PHSC 101	Physical Science Survey: Lecture	3
PHSC 102	Physical Science Survey Laboratory	1
Select one of the following:		
ANTH 310	Linguistic Anthropology	
LEDU 341	Methods of Teaching Linguistically Diverse Students	

PSYC 319	Cross-Cultural/Ethnic Issues in Psychology	
PSYC 330	Culture and Human Development	
PSYC 340	Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood	
SOCI 336	Unequal Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Crime	
Program Course Requirements: 56-57 credits		
Concentrations		
In addition to the program courses, each student must complete a concentration, which consists of approved coursework in one of the following subject areas: Biology, Early Childhood, English, Health and Exercise, History, Human Development, Mathematics, Sociology, Spanish, Special Education, TESOL or Visual Arts. See requirements listed below.	12-13	
Core Curriculum Requirements (https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-core-curriculum-program/)	48	
General Electives	2-4	
Total Credits	120	

¹ Courses covered by the Torrey Honors College.

² This course is a prerequisite to the Early Childhood and Special Education concentration courses.

³ This course is a prerequisite to Early Childhood concentration courses.

Concentrations

Biology

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
Select 12 credits from the following, 3 of which must be upper division:		12
BIOS 103	Introduction to Environmental Science	
BIOS 120	Current Topics in Biology	
BIOS 121	Nutrition	
BIOS 222	Botany	
BIOS 236	Principles of Human Anatomy and Physiology	
BIOS 302	Vertebrate Biology	
BIOS 303	Ecological Agriculture	
BIOS 305	Global Development and Ecological Sustainability	
BIOS 351	Invertebrate Biology	
BIOS 352	Marine Biology	
BIOS 371	Conservation Biology	
BIOS 401	General Ecology	
BIOS 470	Seminar in Advanced Biology	
Total Credits		12

Early Childhood

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
LEDU 356	Early Childhood Curriculum	3
LEDU 357	School/Family/Community Partnerships in Early Childhood Urban Settings	3
LEDU 358	Classroom Management in Early Childhood Settings	3
LEDU 359	Observation and Assessment of Young Children	3
Total Credits		12

English

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ENGL 190	Introduction to English Studies	
ENGL 245	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 320	Studies in Grammar and Language	
ENGL 343 or ENGL 344	Creative Writing: Poetry Creative Writing: Fiction	
ENGL 360	Studies in American Literature	
ENGL 370	Studies in British Literature	
ENGL 400	Studies in Shakespeare	
Total Credits		12

Health and Exercise

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
KNES 200	Public Health Principles and Practice	
KNES 300	Health Education and Health Promotion	
KNES 320	Health Behavior and Health Promotion	
KNES 329	Psychology of Exercise and Health	
KNES 434	Leadership in Sport and Human Movement	
Total Credits		12

History

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
HIST 306	Studies in British History	
HIST 308	American Democracy, Civil War and Reconstruction, 1800-1877	
HIST 312	History of Latin America	
HIST 323	Ancient Greece	
HIST 324	Roman History	
HIST 401	The Rise of Modern America, 1877-1920	

HIST 402	The United States Since 1920
HIST 412	The American West
HIST 422	Renaissance and Reformation
HIST 423	Early Modern Europe
HIST 425	War and Civilization
POSC 225	Survey of American Government

Total Credits 12

Human Development

Code	Title	Credits
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Concentration Courses

Select 12 credits from the following: 12

PSYC 206	Psychology and Christian Thought
PSYC 209 & PSYC 211	Statistics with Computer Applications and Statistics with Computer Applications Lab
PSYC 303	Human Sexuality
PSYC 306	Psychological Testing and Assessment
PSYC 309	Introduction to Psychopathology
PSYC 319	Cross-Cultural/Ethnic Issues in Psychology
PSYC 320	Developmental Psychology: Lifespan
PSYC 330	Culture and Human Development
PSYC 340	Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood
PSYC 418	Seminar in Therapeutic Techniques
PSYC 425	Psychology of Marriage and Family

Total Credits 12

Intercultural Studies

As of Spring 2024, this concentration is in teach-out phase; it is not open to new or readmit students.

Code	Title	Credits
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Concentration Courses

Select 12 credits from the following: 12

ANTH 200	Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 310	Linguistic Anthropology
INCS 231	Intercultural Competence & Diversity in the Global Workplace
INCS 322	Intercultural Adjustment
INCS 331	Ethnicity and Diversity in America
INCS 332	Area and Ethnic Studies
INCS 420	Intercultural Communication
INCS 456	World Religions and Pluralism

Total Credits 12

Mathematics

Code	Title	Credits
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Concentration Courses

Select 12 credits, 3 of which must be upper-division, from the following: 12

MATH 125	Precalculus Mathematics
or MATH 140	Fundamentals of Calculus
MATH 150	Calculus I
MATH 151	Calculus II
MATH 203	Discrete Structures
or MATH 204	Introduction to Abstract Math
MATH 291	Linear Algebra
MATH 318	Biostatistics
MATH 341	Classical Geometry
MATH 415	Number Theory and the History of Mathematics

Total Credits 12

Sociology

Code	Title	Credits
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Concentration Courses

Select 12 credits from the following: 12

SOCI 262	Social Problems
SOCI 302	Sociology of Gender
SOCI 336	Unequal Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Crime
SOCI 342	Ethnic and Minority Groups
SOCI 352	Social Inequality: Race, Class and Gender
SOCI 370	American Culture and Values
SOCI 389	Sociology of Wealth and Poverty
SOCI 397	Sociology of Disabilities

Total Credits 12

Spanish

Code	Title	Credits
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Concentration Courses

Select one of the following tracks: 12-13

Second Language Learners

Select one or two of the following (based upon language assessment):

SPAN 201	Spanish Language and Culture III
SPAN 300	Advanced Spanish Communication I
or SPAN 301	Advanced Spanish Communication II

Select one or two of the following (based upon language assessment):

SPAN 350	Hispanic Civilization and Culture
SPAN 351	Hispanic Studies: Culture, Language, or Literature
SPAN 401	Topics in Hispanic Culture
SPAN 433	Spanish Applied Linguistics and Teaching Pedagogy

Heritage Learners

Select one or two of the following (based upon language assessment):

SPAN 215	Basic Spanish for the Heritage Learner
SPAN 310	Advanced Spanish for Heritage Learners I
or SPAN 311	Advanced Spanish for Heritage Learners II

Select one or two of the following (based upon language assessment):

SPAN 350	Hispanic Civilization and Culture
SPAN 351	Hispanic Studies: Culture, Language, or Literature
SPAN 401	Topics in Hispanic Culture
SPAN 433	Spanish Applied Linguistics and Teaching Pedagogy

Bilingual Education in Spanish¹

Select one of the following (based upon language assessment):²

SPAN 300	Advanced Spanish Communication I
SPAN 301	Advanced Spanish Communication II
SPAN 310	Advanced Spanish for Heritage Learners I
SPAN 311	Advanced Spanish for Heritage Learners II

Complete the following:

LEDU 390	Latina/o Diversity in a U.S. Context
LEDU 391	Socio-historical Context for Bilingual Education – Spanish
LEDU 392	Bilingual Methodologies - Spanish

Total Credits **12-13**

¹ Requires 12-13 credits depending on language assessment.

² If one of these courses is not required based upon language assessment, a 3-credit elective approved by the School of Education must be completed.

Special Education

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
LEDU 361	Issues in Special Education	
LEDU 362	Assessment and Evaluation of Exceptional Learners	
LEDU 363	Teaching Students with Mild to Moderate Support Needs in Inclusive Settings	
LEDU 364	Behavior and Classroom Management for Students with Special Needs	
LEDU 369	Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders	
Total Credits		12

TESOL

As of Summer 2024, this concentration is in teach-out phase; it is not open to new or readmit students.

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
INTE 309	Grammar for English Teachers	
INTE 427	Materials Evaluation and Preparation	
INTE 429	English Language Teaching Methods	
INTE 433	Ethics, Values, and Intercultural Communication for TESOL Professionals	
INTE 462	Teaching English to Young Learners	
INTE 485	Topics in TESOL	
INTE 492	Practicum in TESOL I	
Total Credits		12

Visual Arts

Code	Title	Credits
Concentration Courses		
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
ARTS 107	Drawing I	
ARTS 108	Figure Studies I	
ARTS 109	Digital Tools	
ARTS 110	2-D Foundations	
ARTS 111	3-D Foundations	
ARTS 210	Sculpture I	
ARTS 211	Ceramics I	
ARTS 213	Painting I	
ARTS 221	Photography I-Introduction to Darkroom and Digital Processes	
Select 9 credits of ARTS elective courses, 3 of which must be upper-division ¹		9
Total Credits		12

¹ Courses must be selected in consultation with a department advisor in order to create a focus area.

Course Sequence

NOTE: The course sequence table is designed by the major department and is one way that the classes will work out properly in sequence for your major. However, there are alternative or flexible ways to rotate some of the classes within the same year/level and sometimes between year levels. Please contact your major department advisor to discuss flexible alternatives in scheduling the sequence of your classes.

Taking coursework during the summer session may also be an option to accelerate your degree path.

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First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 103 or 165	3 BBST 103 or 165	3
ENGL 100 or 112	3 KNES 107 (fulfills Core Lifetime Wellness requirement)	1
GNST 102	1 MATH 118	3
MATH 117 (fulfills Math Core Curriculum requirement)	3 PSYC 200 (fulfills Behavioral Science Core Curriculum requirement)	3
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Communication (see Core Curriculum)	3
	Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
	14	17

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 209	3 BBST 210	3
BIOS 105 (fulfills Science Core Curriculum requirement)	4 BBST 251	3
HIST 100 or 101	3 ARTS 100, CNMA 110, MUSC 101, or THTR 160 (choose one; fulfills Fine Arts Core Curriculum requirement)	3
LEDU 301	3 LEDU 335	3
Literature (see Core Curriculum)	3 PHSC 101	3
	PHSC 102	1
	16	16

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3 BBST 365	3
BBST 354	3 HIST 201	3
ENGL 3134 (fulfills ENGL 313 Core Curriculum requirement)	3 HIST 403	3
HIST 200 (fulfills 3 credits of History Curriculum requirement)	3 PHIL 210, 214, or 215 (choose one; fulfills Philosophy Core Curriculum requirement)	3
KNES 110 or 201 (fulfills Core Lifetime Wellness Activity requirement)	1-2 Concentration ¹	3
General Elective	1 Graduation Application due in Registrar's Office	
Writing Competency Requirement		
	14-15	15

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BBST 4652 (fulfills BBST 465 Integration Seminar requirement)	3 BBST 300/400 Bible Elective	3
LEDU 380	3 ANTH 310, LEDU 341, PSYC 319, PSYC 330, PSYC 340, or SOCI 336	3
Concentration ¹	3 LEDU 306	1
Concentration ¹	3 LEDU 324	1
General Elective	2-3 MUSC 310	2
	Concentration ¹	3
	15-14	13

Total Credits 120

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Torrey Hnrs Seq

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First Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 101	4 HNRS 105	4
HNRS 102	4 HNRS 106	4
GNST 102	1 MATH 118	3
MATH 117 (fulfills Math Core Curriculum requirement)	3 KNES 107 (fulfills Core Lifetime Wellness requirement)	1
Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4 Foreign Language (see Core Curriculum)	4
	16	16

Second Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 210	4 HNRS 230	4
HNRS 215	4 HNRS 231	4
HIST 201	3 BIOS 105 (fulfills Science Core Curriculum requirement)	4
LEDU 301	3 LEDU 324	1
PSYC 200	3 LEDU 335	3
	17	16

Third Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 324	4 HNRS 337	4
HNRS 326	2 HNRS 339	2
KNES 110 or 201 (fulfills Core Lifetime Wellness Activity requirement)	1-2 ENGL 3134 (fulfills ENGL 313 Core Curriculum requirement)	3
LEDU 306	1 ANTH 310, LEDU 341, PSYC 319, PSYC 330, PSYC 340, or SOCI 336	3
PHSC 101	3 Concentration ¹	3
PHSC 102	1 Writing Competency Requirement	
	12-13	15

Fourth Year		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
HNRS 443	4 HNRS 458	4
BBST 4652 (fulfills BBST 465 Integration Seminar requirement)	3 HNRS 467	2
HIST 403	3 LEDU 380	3
Concentration ¹	3 MUSC 310	2

Concentration ¹	3 Concentration ¹	3
	16	14

Total Credits 122-123

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