

Liberal Studies

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Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

The Interdisciplinary Studies Bachelor of Arts degree recognizes that career satisfaction, mobility, and success requires an entrepreneurial matching of academic learning to new or emerging job categories and is, therefore, designed to help students discover their unique competence and develop a coherent, efficient career-centric program of study, whether as a first-time-in-college, a transfer from another college or university, or an employee seeking career-advancement. Its multi- or interdisciplinary curriculum also ensures that students will have developed the critical-analytical skills increasingly required in a globally-competitive employment market.

The 30 hours of upper-division coursework for the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies are to be taken within the College of Arts, Sciences and Education and, as appropriate, from other FIU colleges or schools.

The degree may be taken entirely online (online course offerings from participating departments will vary semester-to-semester). It includes, as well, for students admitted into FIU's Honors College, a 12-credit upper division online curriculum of Interdisciplinary Honors courses (IDH) that will allow Interdisciplinary Studies majors to graduate through the Honors College.

To ensure that student interests, previous academic history, and career plan coincide a graduating-year 3-credit hour "Capstone" course has been integrated into the degree requirements. The Capstone course helps students select a curriculum focus; as well as to provide information/content that is designed to function as a gateway from FIU academics to a career-world beyond FIU.

Degree Program Hours: 120

Lower Division Preparation

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
None	None

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://www.flvc.org>. Search Program Listing by Alphabetic Order.

Common Prerequisites

No specific courses required; all students transferring from Florida community colleges are encouraged to complete the Associate in Arts degree.

Upper Division Program

Required Courses: (30 credits)

Ten 3000- or 4000-level courses distributed in the areas below. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

With assistance from the Interdisciplinary Studies advisors, students build a concentration relevant to their future career or post-BA educational goals. For students admitted into the Honors College, the B.A. degree requirements for both the Interdisciplinary Studies B.A. and Honors College upper-division curriculum may be satisfied by taking twelve credits of Interdisciplinary Honors (IDH) courses appropriate to the categories below.

Some courses require prerequisites and labs. When required, lab courses will give credit in the remaining 30 hours elective category. As appropriate, Global Learning courses may count towards meeting the major requirements within the tracks below.

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

For a full listing of applicable specific courses within the categories and department fields below, consult the Interdisciplinary Studies program advising sheets at <http://liberalstudies.fiu.edu/>.

Human Aspirations around the World 6 hours
Courses in Literature, Philosophy, Religion, History, Art History, Art, Performing Arts (Theater and Music) or for Honors College students IDH 3034/4007

Defining Social Spheres 6 hours
Courses in Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, International Relations, Political Science, Economics, Management/Public Relations or for Honors College students IDH 3034/4007

Science and its Applications 6 hours
Courses in Chemistry, Biology, Earth and Environment, Engineering, Computer Science, Biomedical Engineering, or for Honors College students IDH 3034/4007

Expertise Focus, theory or applied 9 hours
Two additional courses from the areas above, in consultation with a program advisor, to build upon subject-matter expertise, or for Honors College students IDH 3034/4007

IDS 4890 Capstone 3 hours
To be taken at least one semester before the intended last semester before graduation to solidify degree focus and prepare for post-BA career or advanced degrees.

Honors students may elect to satisfy 6 credits in any field above by completing a thesis (IDH 3034/4007) in the Advanced Research and Creativity in Honors option, or by completing a 6-credit study abroad experience (IDH 3034/4008).

Electives: (30 credits)

The remaining hours will be taken as electives.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

The Liberal Studies B.A. (in each track) combines the time-tested strength of a well-rounded education with innovative ways of seeing our 21st-century world and the knowledge or applied skills needed to be productive in that world. Students select one of four tracks: Health and Human Concerns; Humanities and Cultural Traditions; Law, Business and Society; or Education, Policy, and Community Track. These thematic tracks--at once flexible and focused--ensure that student knowledge and skill sets will be cohesive, in-depth, and targeted towards diverse future career opportunities.

The 33 hours of upper-division coursework for the B.A. in Liberal Studies are to be taken within the College of Arts, Sciences and Education; optionally, up to 9 hours of the 33 hours may be taken from other FIU colleges or schools when designated in the tracks below.

To ensure that student interests, previous academic history, and career plan coincide, a graduating-year 3-credit hour "Capstone" course-- has been integrated into the degree requirements. The Capstone course helps students select a curriculum focus as well as to provide information/content that is designed to function as a gateway from FIU academics to a career-world beyond FIU.

Degree Program Hours: 120

Lower Division Preparation

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

<u>FIU Course(s)</u>	<u>Equivalent Course(s)</u>
None	None

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <http://www.flvc.org>. Search Program Listing by Alphabetic Order.

Common Prerequisites

No specific courses required; all students transferring from Florida community colleges are encouraged to complete the Associate in Arts degree.

Upper Division Program

Required Courses: (33 credits in one of the tracks below)

For each of the tracks below, students--in consultation with their Liberal Studies advisor--should take a coordinated array of 3000- or 4000-level courses in the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, or Writing. Some courses require prerequisites and labs. When required, lab courses will give credit in the remaining 27 hours elective category. As appropriate, Global Learning courses may count towards meeting the major requirements within the tracks below.

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

For a full listing of applicable specific courses within the categories and department fields below, consult the Interdisciplinary Studies program advising sheets at <http://liberalstudies.fiu.edu/>.

Health and Human Concerns Track

Natural Sciences	12 hours
<i>Biology, Chemistry, or Biochemistry</i>	
Social Sciences	9 hours
<i>Psychology, Global and Sociocultural Studies, Politics and International Relations, or Public Administration</i>	
Humanities	6 hours
<i>English, History, Humanities, Philosophy, or Religious Studies</i>	
Writing	3 hours
<i>ENC 3311 "Advanced Writing and Research" or equivalent ENC 3000 or 4000 level course</i>	
Capstone—IDS 4890	3 hours
<i>To be taken at least one semester before the intended last semester before graduation to solidify degree focus and prepare for post-baccalaureate career or advanced degrees</i>	

Humanities and Cultural Traditions Track

Sciences	3 hours
<i>Biology, Marine Sciences, or Earth and Environment</i>	
Social Sciences	6 hours
<i>Asian Studies, African and African Diaspora Studies, Latin American Studies, Women's Studies, or Global & Sociocultural Studies</i>	
Humanities	18 hours
<i>English, History, Art History, Humanities, Greek, Latin, Modern Languages, Philosophy, or Religious Studies</i>	
Writing	3 hours
<i>ENC 3311 "Advanced Writing and Research" or equivalent ENC 3000 or 4000 level course</i>	
Capstone—IDS 4890	3 hours
<i>To be taken at least one semester before the intended last semester before graduation to solidify degree focus and prepare for post-baccalaureate career or advanced degrees</i>	

Law, Business and Society Track

Sciences	3 hours
<i>Biology, Marine Sciences, or Earth and Environment</i>	
Social Sciences	18 hours
<i>Labor Studies, Economics, Global & Sociocultural Studies, Politics and International Relations, Public Administration, Criminal Justice, Law, or Business</i>	
Humanities	6 hours
<i>English, History, Humanities, Philosophy, or Religious Studies</i>	
Writing	3 hours
<i>ENC 3311 "Advanced Writing and Research" or equivalent ENC 3000 or 4000 level course</i>	
Capstone—IDS 4890	3 hours
<i>To be taken at least one semester before the intended last semester before graduation to solidify degree focus and</i>	

prepare for post-baccalaureate career or advanced degrees

Education, Policy, and Community Track

Natural Sciences (9 Credits)

SCE 4310	Content and Methods of Teaching Elementary Science	3
PET 3325C/PET 3325L	Anatomy for the Exercise and Sports Sciences	3
EEC 4211	Integrated Math and Science in Early Childhood	3
SMT 3100	Knowing and Learning in Math and Science	3

Social Sciences (9 Credits)

EDF 4780	The Teacher and the Law	3
EDF 4604	Cultural and Social Foundations of Education	3
EDG 3321	Managing Teaching Environments: Instructional Decisions and Classroom Management	3
EDP 3004	Educational Psychology	3
EDP 3273	Child Development	3
EDP 4274	Early Social and Emotional Development	3
SSE 4380	Developing a Global Perspective	3
SOW 4932	Current Topic in Social Work: Service-Learning: Social Change and Contemporary Social Issues	3
CPO 4053	Political Repression and Human Rights	3
ECO 4321	Radical Political Economy	3
ANT 3212	World Ethnography	3

Humanities (9 Credits)

ARE 3313	Experiencing Art in Elementary Schools	3
DAE 3300	Dance in the Elementary, Middle, and Secondary School	3
EDF 3521	Education in History	3
EEX 3070	Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in Inclusive Environments	3
EEC 3242	Art in Early Childhood Education	3
LAE 4405	Children's Literature	3
PHM 4362	Global Justice	3
Writing and Communication in and across disciplines		3
RED 3313	Language and Literacy Development	3
RED 4100	Emergent Literacy	3
RED 4150	Content and methods of Teaching Intermediate Literacy	3
RED 4325	Content Area Reading	3
TSL 3080	ESOL Principles and Practices I	3
SPA 3000	Acquisition of Speech and Language Skills	3
ENC 4331	Writing, Rhetoric, and Community	3
ENC 3354	Writing for Social Action	3

Required Course IDS 4890 Capstone (3 credits)

To be taken at least one semester before the intended last semester before graduation to solidify degree focus and

prepare for post-baccalaureate career or advanced degrees

Note: Some courses may require field hours, fingerprinting, and background check. For a list of those course or for more information, please speak an advisor in the Liberal Studies program.

Combined BA/MA in Liberal Studies

The combined (4+1) Bachelor/Master of Arts in Liberal Studies offers outstanding undergraduate FIU students in Liberal Studies as well as in majors such as Philosophy the opportunity to earn a Masters degree in only one additional year beyond the BA degree.

The (4+1) program represents two distinct options:

1. Liberal Studies to MALS. This option allows students to complement the undergraduate major with graduate study in the same discipline as the undergraduate study.
2. Other majors such as Philosophy to MALS. This option allows students to complement the undergraduate major with graduate study in another area.

The goal is to attract outstanding students into the combined program so that they formally apply to the program in the first semester of their senior year (i.e., when they have completed 90 credit hours.) Interested students should speak with the undergraduate advisor as early as possible because careful selection of undergraduate courses in the sophomore and junior years will be essential for admission to the program.

To be considered for admission to the combined bachelor's/master's degree program, students must have completed at least 75-90 credits in the bachelor's degree program at FIU and meet the admissions criteria for the graduate degree program to which they are applying. Students need only apply once to the combined degree program, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree program. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student applies for graduation from their bachelor's degree program. Upon conferral of the bachelor's degree, the student will be granted graduate status and be eligible for graduate assistantships. Only 5000-level or higher courses, and no more than the number of credits specified by the program catalog, may be applied toward both degrees.

Applicants to the accelerated program need a GPA of 3.20. Formal admission to the accelerated program will usually be in the first semester of the senior year. Students would be also required to maintain a GPA of at least 3.20 to remain in the program. Participation in this program allows the students to fulfill some graduate program requirements during their senior year. More specifically, students at the senior level may be allowed to earn up to 9 graduate credits that will count towards their MALS degree. Up to 3 graduate courses (9 credits) may be used to satisfy both the Bachelor and Masters degree requirements. All double counted courses must be at the 5000 level of higher. Courses to be allowed to be double counted must be approved by MALS. Before starting the

graduate program students must have satisfied all general education and core requirements.

The curriculum for the (4+1) MALS will meet criteria identical to those of the MALS program. A student will not be eligible for assistantship funding before completing all requirements for the Bachelors degree. For double-counted courses, students must confirm with their graduate program advisor that he or she is taking the course for graduate credit. Graduates and undergraduates may have different workloads and grading criteria. The student must earn a grade of "B" or better for these courses to count towards the Masters requirements.

Admission Requirements

1. Current enrollment in a bachelors degree in Philosophy or Liberal Studies.
2. Completion of at least 90 credits hours of coursework.
3. A current GPA of 3.20 or higher.
4. Application to the Department to enroll in the (4+1) MALS program that will include
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - Personal statement [2-3 pages] describing goals and objectives in seeking a combined accelerated degree
 - A 8-25 page writing sample of satisfactory quality
5. On-line application to the University Graduate School for admission to the MALS program.
6. Positive evaluation by the undergraduate program director.
7. Approval of the graduate admissions committee.
8. In addition to the admission requirements of the (4+1) MALS program, students must meet all the admission requirements of the University Graduate School.

Completion Requirements

1. Completion of both the required courses for the BA (33 credits) and the required courses for the MALS (33 credits).
 - For the Liberal Studies-to-MALS option, either the 3 Great Ideas Seminars or 3 – 5000 or 6000 level courses in Natural Sciences, Humanities or Social Sciences may be used to satisfy both the Bachelors and Masters degree.
 - For other majors such as the Philosophy-to-MALS option, either 3 Great Ideas Seminars or 3 – 5000 or 6000 level courses in Natural Sciences, Humanities or Social Sciences may be used to satisfy both the Bachelors and Masters degree.
2. The Bachelor's degree must be awarded when the student completes the requirements for the degree. In other words, the Bachelor's degree must be awarded before the Master's degree.
3. Students in the (4+1) MALS program have up to one year to complete the Master's degree after receipt of the Bachelor's degree.
4. Students who fail to meet the one year post BA requirement or who elect to leave the (4+1) MALS program at any time and earn only the BA degree will have the same access requirements to a regular graduate program as any other student, but will not be able to use the 9 credits in both the Bachelor's and the Master's degrees.

Summary of Degree Requirements

Great Ideas Seminars:	9 hours (minimum*)
Interdisciplinary Concentration:	18 hours (minimum*)
Master's Essay or Master's Thesis:	3 hours or 6 hours
Total Hours:	33 hours (minimum*)

*33 hours of coursework are required of all (4+1) MALS students. However, a maximum of 3 hours are awarded for the "Master's Essay" course as opposed to 6 hours for "Master's Thesis" course. Students who choose the Essay option must complete either 4 Great Ideas Seminars or 21 hour Interdisciplinary Concentration.

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

IDS-Interdisciplinary Studies

Courses that meet the University's Global Learning requirement are identified as GL.

IDS 2930 Faculty Scholars Seminar (1). Provides freshman Faculty Scholars the opportunity to participate in the interdisciplinary study of significant themes. May only be taken twice.

IDS 3949 Cooperative Education in Liberal Studies (3). A student majoring in Liberal Studies may spend one semester fully employed in industry in a capacity relating to the major. This course must be taken as an elective.

IDS 4890 Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone: Applying Knowledge (3). Preparation for course-of-study and guided academic/career self-assessment; senior year internship, service learning, or research project. Students complete a portfolio demonstrating applied expertise.

IDS 4920 Liberal Studies Colloquia (3). Individual sections will study, from an interdisciplinary perspective, issues selected and presented jointly by College faculty. Specific topics will be announced in advance.

IDS 4930 Foundations of Liberal Studies (3). This will be a broad synthesis of knowledge and methods in the Arts and Sciences, taught from the perspective of different disciplines. Specific topics will be announced in advance.

IDS 4949 Cooperative Education in Liberal Studies (3). A student majoring in Liberal Studies may spend one semester fully employed in industry in a capacity relating to the major. This course must be taken as an elective.

Minor in Humanities (15 hours)

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Students majoring in any other discipline may minor in Humanities.

The Humanities Minor course curriculum emphasizes the study of Classical culture and its continuities with our modern, global world. Whether learning about the ancient world, or building a foundational language base in Greek or Latin, or examining art and culture through a rich array of interdisciplinary courses, students who earn the Humanities Minor find it a fine complement to College of Arts, Sciences and Education and professional-school majors.

Requirements

A. One of the following courses (3 hours):

- HUM 3214 Ancient Classical Culture and Civilization
or
 HUM 4431 The Greek World
or
 HUM 3432 The Roman World
and

B. Four additional HUM courses (including classical languages) (12 hours)

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

GRE-Classical Greek; GRW-Classical Greek Literature;
 HUM-Humanities; LAT-Latin

Courses that meet the University's Global Learning requirement are identified as GL.

GRE 1130 Classical Greek I (5). Emphasis on grammar, and on basic reading and writing skills. GRE 1131 Classical Greek II (5). Emphasis on grammar, and on basic reading and writing skills. Prerequisite: GRE 1130.

GRE 2200 Intermediate Classical Greek (3). Emphasis on grammar, and on acquiring intermediate reading and writing skills. Prerequisite: GRE 1131.

HUM 1020 Introduction to Humanities (3). An interdisciplinary survey of how human beings have perceived themselves and the world around them, through literature, philosophy, religion, music and the arts.

HUM 2512 Art and Society (3). A study of the relationship between art and culture in different periods, including patronage, the role of the artist, and the relationship between art and economic, political, religious, and ideological forces.

HUM 3214 Ancient Classical Culture and Civilization (3). Explores the culture of the ancient Greek and Latin worlds from an interdisciplinary perspective and studies the varied conceptions of the individual, society, and nature. Written work meets the state composition requirement.

HUM 3306 History of Ideas (3). The historical development of fundamental concepts through an interdisciplinary cultural approach. Nature, freedom, beauty, virtue, alienation, and relativism are traced in literature, art, and philosophy including the social context of developing ideas. Meets the state composition requirement. Prerequisites: ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 or equivalent.

HUM 3432 The Roman World (3). An in-depth examination of selected cultural monuments and events of the Roman Republic and Empire and of the forces that helped shape them.

HUM 3939 Special Topics (3). An examination of specific topics in the humanities. The topics may vary from semester to semester. (May be repeated with a change in content.)

HUM 3949 Cooperative Education in Humanities (3). A student majoring in Humanities may spend one or two

semesters fully employed in industry in a capacity relating to the major.

HUM 4431 The Greek World (3). An in-depth examination of selected cultural monuments and events of the Greek World in the Classical and Hellenistic periods and of the forces that helped shape them. (May be repeated with change in content.)

HUM 4543 Literature and Philosophy (3). The interpretation of literature and philosophy from an interdisciplinary perspective. In addition to philosophical novels, poetry, and drama, the course may examine the philosophical scrutiny of literature.

HUM 4555 Symbols and Myths (3). An in-depth examination of mythology and symbolic language within the cultural and psychodynamic forces that inform them. This course gives special emphasis to Classical myths.

HUM 4580 Film Humanities (3). Studies the significance of film in Western culture: the language, semiotics and technique of films with the aid of appropriate cinematographical material.

HUM 4906 Independent Study (1-3). Directed independent research. Requires prior approval by instructor. (May be repeated with a change in content.)

LAT 1130 Latin I (5). Emphasis on grammar and on acquiring basic reading and writing skills.

LAT 1131 Latin II (5). Emphasis on grammar and on acquiring reading and writing skills. Prerequisite: LAT 1130.

LAT 2200 Intermediate Latin (3). Emphasis on grammar and on acquiring basic reading and writing skills. Prerequisite: LAT 1131.