LIBERAL STUDIES, COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR

Liberal Arts (Code 370-001)

University Requirements

Code  Title  Credits
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
Credit Requirements
Minimum total for graduation 1  120
Upper division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher)  39
Liberal Education Core  36
Academic Concentrations
Grade Point Requirements 2
Total  2.00 average
Resident  2.00 average
Major  2.00 average
Minor  2.00 average
Certificate  2.00 average
University Residency Requirements 3
Minimum total  30
Senior year  23
Major, Standard, upper division in residence  12
Major, Comprehensive, upper division in residence  21
Certificate  25 percent of credits

Procedures Required for Graduation
Obtain admission to the degree program and/or the College offering it.
Apply for graduation on CampS.

1 Certain programs exceed this minimum.
2 See special requirements in each College.
3 See special requirements for the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Liberal Education Core
The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire measures learning outcomes to ensure that its graduates have achieved a liberal education and prepared themselves to contribute to a complex society. Upon graduation, each undergraduate will have met the four learning goals of our liberal education core and the 11 learning outcomes they comprise.

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LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS  a minimum of 36 credits
Knowledge Goal
Knowledge Outcome 1 (K1): Natural Sciences  Two (2) learning experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.
Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences  Two (2) learning experiences
Knowledge Outcome 3 (K3): Humanities  Two (2) learning experiences
Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts  One (1) learning experience
Skills Goal
Skills Outcome 1 (S1): Written and Oral Communication  Two (2) learning experiences
One S1 must meet the University Writing Requirement
Skills Outcome 2 (S2): Mathematics  One (1) learning experience
One S2 to meet the University Mathematics Requirement
Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity  One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Goal
Responsibility Outcome 1 (R1): Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity  Two (2) learning experiences
One R1 must satisfy Design for Diversity
Responsibility Outcome 2 (R2): Global Perspectives  One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Outcome 3 (R3): Civic and Environmental Issues  One (1) learning experience
Integration Goal
Integration Outcome 1 (I1): Integration  Two (2) learning experiences
Service-Learning Goal
Service-Learning  30 hours

College Degree Requirements
Bachelor of Liberal Studies

University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements.

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and certificate are computed similarly.

Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements. A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.

Certain degree programs which include Comprehensive Majors may require more than the minimum of 120 credits for graduation.
Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available) may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here.

**College Credits.** Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.L.S.)**

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work).

**Major Requirements**

For advising, contact M. Goulet, Director of Liberal Studies (College of Arts and Sciences)

The Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major (LSCM) provides an alternative to traditional majors. Every student majoring in Liberal Studies develops an individualized program of study, supported by consultation with the Liberal Studies Program Director and, in some cases, with a faculty adviser. Each individualized program of study includes a primary theme, three required Liberal Studies seminars (LS 201, LS 301, and LS 480), and three interdisciplinary areas of concentration that explore the primary theme. Through this structure, Liberal Studies offers an opportunity to connect several areas of academic interest that are not located in any single discipline. Students in Liberal Studies have a unique opportunity to benefit from coursework in departments across the university and to build an educational experience that is highly relevant to their professional and personal goals. Liberal Studies majors will also be encouraged to take advantage of UW-Eau Claire’s strong tradition in student-faculty collaborative research by developing and implementing a research, scholarly, or creative project, especially related to the integrating themes of their individual academic program.

An important step for each Liberal Studies major is to formally propose their individualized program of study as a program plan. This plan describes the primary theme, three areas of concentration, and coursework to be completed for the Liberal Studies major. Some courses in the program plan may satisfy Liberal Education requirements as well as providing credit in the Liberal Studies major. To finalize their program plans, students will work with the Liberal Studies Director and submit their completed plans to the Liberal Studies Steering Committee for review and approval. This committee consists of faculty and professional advisers that have worked with Liberal Studies majors in different settings.

In order to graduate with a Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major, students must complete the requirements specified for the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) (see degree program requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences). The BLS degree is designed to help students develop the breadth of knowledge and skills that represent the core of liberal education, including knowledge of human cultures and the natural world; communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and analytical skills; and teamwork and collaborative abilities. The BLS degree also explores differences, commonalities, and interconnections among academic disciplines, including methods of inquiry and problem solving that are favored in these disciplines. Skills in written and oral communication, critical analysis, teamwork, and application of academic findings to professional contexts are also emphasized in the Liberal Studies program.

**Admission to Major Requirement:** Completion of LS 201.