

LIBERAL STUDIES, COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR

Liberal Arts (Code 370-001)

University Requirements

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 (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header1)	36
Academic Concentrations (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header16)	
Grade Point Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header14) ²	
Total	2.00 average
Resident	2.00 average
Major	2.00 average
Minor	2.00 average
Certificate	2.00 average
University Residency Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header15)	
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.

Applicability of Credits Toward Graduation

Junior College or Two-Year College Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in a junior college or two-year college will be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire.

Extension Credits. Credits earned in credit outreach courses offered by UW-Eau Claire are treated as resident credits. Credits earned in extension courses offered by other units of the University of Wisconsin System are treated as transfer credits. All other (non-UW) extension and correspondence credits are normally limited to one-fourth of the total required for graduation from any curriculum.

WTCS Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in college parallel programs at Madison Area Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Nicolet Area Technical College, or Chippewa Valley Technical College may be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire. A set number of general education courses will be accepted from other technical schools.

Occupational and technical courses may also be considered for transfer if the quality and content of the course work from the technical college is judged to be comparable to course work at UW-Eau Claire. Refer to the Transfer Credit Wizard (https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU_SS_CUSTOM.EAU_TRNCRDWZ.GBL) or contact the UW-Eau Claire Admissions Office for information about the current transfer policy.

USAFI Credit. UW-Eau Claire will accept up to 32 semester credits for work done through the United States Armed Forces Institute, under the provision for non-UW correspondence credit (see Extension Credits above).

Activity Credit (band, chorus, drama, KINS 100-184 courses) Students may count toward graduation no more than one credit of KINS 110-184 courses. Students may count toward graduation no more than four credits earned in any single activity course and no more than 12 credits resulting from any combination of activity courses (excluding KINS 110-184 courses).

Other Restricted Credits. For other University restrictions, see the following: Cooperative Education; Credit by Examination; Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Registration; Transfer of Credits. College or departmental restrictions may also be placed on Independent Study (399-499 courses), Directed Study (395-495), and other types of credits.

APPLICABILITY OF CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION	Credit Restrictions
Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory	
Total degree credit	maximum 12
Major, Standard	maximum 1 course
Major, Comprehensive	maximum 2 courses
Minor	maximum 1 course
Credit by Examination	
Total degree credit	maximum ¼ of total
Major or minor	maximum ½ of total
Two-Year College Credits	
Total degree credit	maximum 72 credits
Activity credit (band, chorus, drama, KINS 100-184)	
Total KINS 100-184	maximum 1 credit
Total Band, chorus, drama	maximum 12 credits
Single course band, chorus, drama	maximum 4 credits
Extension credits	
UW-System	no maximum
Other extension/correspondence	maximum ¼ of total
USAFI	
USAFI	maximum 32 credits

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 five learning goals of our liberal education core and the 12 learning outcomes they comprise.

LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS	a minimum of 36 credits
Knowledge Goal	
Knowledge Outcome 1 (K1): Natural Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k2/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 3 (K3): Humanities (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k3/)	Two (2) learning experiences
Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k4/)	One (1) learning experience
Skills Goal	
Skills Outcome 1 (S1): Written and Oral Communication (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One S1 must meet the University Writing Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header10)	
Skills Outcome 2 (S2): Mathematics (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S2/)	One (1) learning experience
One S2 to meet the University Mathematics Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header11)	
Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S3/)	One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Goal	
Responsibility Outcome 1 (R1): Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One R1 must satisfy Design for Diversity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-DDIV/#header13)	
Responsibility Outcome 2 (R2): Global Perspectives (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R2/)	One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Outcome 3 (R3): Civic and Environmental Issues (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R3/)	One (1) learning experience
Integration Goal	
Integration Outcome 1 (I1): Integration (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-I1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
Service-Learning Goal	

Service-Learning (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-SL/#header13>) 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 (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/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 (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicprogramstext>).

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

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For advising, contact the Director of Liberal Studies via email at liberalstudies@uwec.edu. You may also be placed in contact with the director via the Advising, Retention + Career Center (ARCC).

The Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major (LSCM) is an alternative way to complete a major not offered at UW-Eau Claire. Students majoring in Liberal Studies develop their own individualized program of study or set of courses including the primary academic theme/major; three interdisciplinary areas of concentration exploring the theme/major, each built from courses selected primarily from multiple departments within the College of Arts and Sciences; and the three required Liberal Studies core courses (LS 201, LS 301, and LS 480). Courses in the LSCM may also satisfy UW-Eau Claire's Liberal Education requirements.

Through this structure, the Liberal Studies major offers students an opportunity to connect several areas of academic interest that are not located in any single discipline or major. 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 are required to take advantage of UW-Eau Claire’s strong tradition in student-faculty collaborative research by developing and implementing a capstone project especially related to integrating the three concentrations of their LSCM primary academic theme.

An important first step for each Liberal Studies major is to develop and formally propose their individualized program of study in consultation with a faculty advisor familiar with one or more of the interdisciplinary concentrations in that program of study. The Director of Liberal Studies will assist in this process. In the second step, students will work with the Director of Liberal Studies to submit their completed plans to the Liberal Studies Steering Committee (LSSC) 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 LSCM, 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 and approval of a program of study.

Code	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
A minimum of 60 credits, including:		
LS 201	Introductory Liberal Studies Seminar	3
LS 301	Liberal Studies Research Seminar	3
LS 480	Liberal Studies Capstone Seminar	3
Three Theme- or Discipline-Based Concentrations (minimum 17 credits each and at least 51 credits total)		51

Each individually-designed major program must be formally proposed and approved. This program plan describes the primary theme, three interdisciplinary areas of concentration that explore the primary theme, and coursework to be completed for the Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major. Each major program must include at least 39 credits from College of Arts and Sciences course work and a minimum of 21 upper-division credits. To graduate with a Liberal Studies Comprehensive Major, students must complete the requirements specified for the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Develop and implement a research, scholarly, or creative project.
- Integrate knowledge and/or theories from more than one field of study or perspective to solve problems or answer questions students identify.
- Discuss the differences and commonalities that characterize the disciplines, and those discipline's approach(es) to problems or questions, within their liberal studies comprehensive major.
- Be able to evaluate changes in their own learning by building upon past experiences that have occurred over multiple and diverse academic disciplinary contexts.