Liberal Studies | Major

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS IN BRIEF

The Liberal Studies major provides students the opportunity to self-design a program of study. Whether the student is seeking an opportunity to broaden intellectual and cultural awareness, prepare for graduate study or seek a new career, the degree completion program offers both flexibility and academic excellence. The program is designed primarily for individuals who have taken the majority of coursework needed for a bachelor’s degree. At Alvernia, they will work with an advisor to review which courses are transferable and design a program tailored to the students’ individual goals.

RESTRICTION STATEMENT

Students who have not yet earned 75 credits should discuss their planned course of study with the relevant department chairs. Students then submit a proposal, including a rationale for pursuing the Liberal Studies major and a program of studies with the courses that constitute this major. Once the proposal has been approved by the chairs of the two relevant academic departments* and by the Dean of Arts & Sciences, the Registrar will be informed of the student’s intent to pursue a Liberal Studies major and will keep the signed and approved proposal on file.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

BA/Liberal Studies

1. Students should declare their intention to pursue the Liberal Studies major and submit a rationale for their program of studies and the courses that will constitute it before they earn 75 credits.
2. This proposal must be approved by the two department chairs* who have agreed to sponsor the major. An advisor will be appointed from one of the departments.
3. A minimum of 15 credits must be taken in each of the two departments or programs. A minimum of 18 credits must be taken at the 300/400 level.
4. Students must complete a one credit capstone course, COL 400, supervised by their advisor.
5. All major requirements are in addition to those required by the University core. Area II courses may not be fulfilled by courses from either of the two selected disciplines.

*If the two areas of study are within the same department, then the department chair and a faculty member who teaches in one of the specific areas are asked to approve the proposal.

*A total of 123 credits and 3 credits in a human diversity course are required to complete a Bachelor’s degree. To adhere to Franciscan Values, community service hours are also required.

LOCATIONS

Students can choose to take classes where and when it is most convenient. This program is offered on campus at our Reading, Philadelphia, and Pottsville locations.

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