

Liberal Studies

At UW-Eau Claire

The liberal studies 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. Employers seek employees who have broad general skills, like those developed through the liberal studies major. In addition, they want employees who have applied the knowledge in real-world settings — a focus of the UW-Eau Claire liberal studies program.



Creating your program

This major is ideal for students with multiple academic interests, transfer students and nontraditional students. It provides an alternative to traditional majors by allowing students to design an interdisciplinary major around a theme of their choosing in consultation with their adviser. The liberal studies major provides students with an opportunity for study in greater breadth than is possible when majoring in a specific disciplinary area.

Creative curriculum

Students will take three required liberal studies seminars and develop with a faculty adviser a thematic course of study supported by three interrelated concentrations. This provides a coherent intellectual framework for academic studies and formalizes student engagement in integrating and transferring knowledge across subject matter and skills areas. For example, many recent liberal studies majors have participated in an interdisciplinary travel seminar taught by faculty in women's studies with expertise in



communications, multimedia presentations and sociology.

Collaborative research with faculty

Students in this program will 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.

Immerse yourself

Liberal studies majors like to take their education outside of the classroom walls. Recent majors have had internships in Los Angeles with SESAC, a performing rights organizations, and in Eau Claire with the United Way. Liberal studies majors have also experienced other immersion experiences such as participating in a travel seminar to San Francisco to attend Frameline, a major international film festival. Liberal studies students also have participated in national student exchanges at the University of New Mexico and Humboldt State University as well as study abroad semesters at the London Metropolitan.

Majors

Bachelor of Liberal Studies

Comprehensive Major, Liberal Studies

Examples of themes students have created:

- Communication and Community with an Environmental Emphasis
- Creative Productions
- Culture, Communication and Personal Expression
- Documenting Cultural and Religious Studies
- Humans: Their Creative Minds, Natural World and Societal Influences
- International Relations with an Emphasis in Germany and Eastern Europe
- Multimedia Communications
- Narrative and Self
- Recreational Therapy
- Religion and Youth Studies
- Social Advocacy
- Understanding the Development of and Providing Services to Children
- Women and Culture in Asia

Places you'll find recent graduates

- Program Coordinator, Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley
- Assistant Editor, the Post House
- Media Specialist, Champlatin College
- English teacher, Japan
- Graduate Student, Master's Program in Therapeutic Recreation
- Senior Business Analyst, OptumHealth



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Admission to Major Requirement:

Completion of Liberal Studies 201.

Curricular Requirements for the Major:

A minimum of 60 credits including:

Three liberal studies seminars (9 credits)

- LS 201, Introductory Liberal Studies Seminar
- LS 301, Liberal Studies Research Seminar
- LS 480, Liberal Studies Capstone Seminar

Three theme- or discipline-based concentrations (minimum 17 credits each and at least 51 credits total)

The 60 credits in the major must include at least 39 credits from Arts and Sciences course work and a minimum of 21 upper division credits.

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