

Online Liberal Studies



What is Liberal Studies?

The Liberal Studies Online program allows students to create an individualized curriculum composed of courses which meet their individual career and academic needs. This approach is different from many traditional, discipline-based baccalaureate programs which are designed in part to prepare students for advanced work in a specific academic discipline -- a major in history or biology, for example. This flexibility enables students to develop academic plans that meet the ever-changing requirements of the world of work, but it also requires careful planning. Students should clarify their career or learning goals as they begin designing the components of their program. The bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies can also be an appropriate preparation for students planning to attend graduate school in certain disciplines and professions.

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies requires students to complete a CSU minor program housed in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Currently, we offer two minors 100% online—Criminal Justice and English. However, please consult with the Chair of the Department, Dr. LaJuan Simpson-Wilkey, if you are interested in a minor other than English because we will be expanding those options.

Why is it called Liberal Studies?

The program allows students the opportunity to bring together -- or integrate -- courses from a wide variety of academic areas or disciplines to support their individual academic and career goals. The program provides a curriculum that cultivates and sustains a viable relationship between the academy and the community through community-based, experiential methods of learning. Workforce skills today require new competencies such as effective collaboration and teamwork which may not be available through classroom instruction alone; these skills must be learned, developed, and advanced in real work environments. For these reasons, internship placements which support this component are arranged for all students in the program.