

## **B.A. DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN LIBERAL STUDIES**

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Liberal Studies is a major in the College of Arts and Sciences that is designed for students who prefer a broader and more varied approach to learning than that of the traditional single-discipline major. It is appropriate for students who plan to do graduate study in fields that require no specific major or that encourage interdisciplinary undergraduate study. It is also designed for those students whose educational objectives are intellectual and personal growth and enrichment.

Students wishing to obtain B.A. in Liberal Studies may pursue one of six Concentrations-- Culture, Religion and Society; European Studies; Gender and Sexuality; Race, Ethnicity and Gender; Third World Studies; or Individualized Concentration.

### **Liberal Studies: Culture, Religion and Society Concentration**

A student can choose to pursue a Culture, Religion and Society track within the Liberal Studies major at any time in her/his college career, although students are advised to declare their major early in order to ensure a timely completion of their degree program.

### **AREA F: 18 HOURS**

#### **Interdisciplinary Methods: 3 Hours**

Choose any one of the following:

IDST 2305 TOPICS IN HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS  
IDST 2310 FINE AND APPLIED ARTS IN CIVILIZATION  
IDST 2315 AMERICA'S DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### **Theory/Methods Focus Requirement: 12 Hours**

Choose from the following list:

ANTH 1102 INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY  
GEOG 1101 INTRO TO HUMAN GEOGRAPHY  
SOCIO 1121 SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES  
AFST 2010 INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN STUDIES  
ANTH 1104 INTRODUCTION TO ARCHEOLOGY  
ARTS 1105 UNDERSTANDING VISUAL CULTURE  
ARTS 1110 ART AND IDEAS  
BLST 2010 INTRODUCTION TO BLACK STUDIES  
ENGL 2160 STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE  
ENGL 2110 WORLD LITERATURE  
GEOG 2990 GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH SEMINAR  
HIST 1131 WORLD CIVILIZATION AND SOCIETY I  
HIST 1132 WORLD CIVILIZATION AND SOCIETY II  
RELI 1110 INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT  
RELI 1111 INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS  
WMST 2010 WOMEN IN SOCIETY: INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

### **Foreign language requirements: 3 semester hours**

Students must demonstrate minimum proficiency at the level of the fourth university course (2002) in one foreign language, but only the fourth university course (2002) can count in Area F. Any hours not applied in Area F may be applied towards elective hours.

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 30-31 HOURS**

#### **Major Area: 27 hours**

Students must take 27 hours from the following courses. Students may take courses not listed below with the approval of the advisor. Out of these 27 hours, students must take 9 hours in two separate disciplines listed below with the following restrictions. In the case of cross-listed courses, a course can only count towards fulfilling the requirement in one discipline.

AFST – Any 3000-4000 level courses

ANTH – Any 3000-4000 level courses

ARTS – Any 3000-4000 level course whose content is Art History (selected in consultation with the advisor)

BLST – Any 3000-4000 level courses

ENGL – Students can only take the following courses:

ENGL 4220 MEDIEVAL ENGLISH LITERATURE

ENGL 4223 CHAUCER

ENGL 4451 AFRICAN LITERATURE

ENGL 4452 AFRICAN WOMEN WRITERS

ENGL 4662 SOUTHERN LITERATURE

ENGL 4664 FLANNERY O'CONNOR

ENGL 4667 AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

ENGL 4669 MULTICULTURAL AMERICAN LITERATURE

ENGL 4671 NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE

ENGL 4770 STUDIES IN FOLKLORE

ENGL 4449 GREAT BOOKS (when taught as “myth and meaning”)

ENGL 4950 UTOPIA/DYSTOPIA

ENGL 4950 WOMEN AND POPULAR CULTURE

ENGL 4950 HIP HOP LITERATURE AND CULTURE

ENGL 4950 QUEER THEORY

ENGL 4950 BLACK GEORGIA WRITERS

ENGL 4950 STORYTELLING

ENGL 4955 LITERATURE OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

ENGL 4955 RACE AND GENDER IN LATINO LITERATURE

ENGL 4955 JAPANESE LITERATURE

ENGL 4950 (Various Topics chosen with the approval of the advisor)

ENGL 4955 (Various Topics chosen with the approval of the advisor)

GEOG – Students can only take the following courses:

GEOG 4080 ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

GEOG 4205 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

GEOG 4305 CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY  
 GEOG 4220 ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY  
 GEOG 4230 URBAN GEOGRAPHY  
 GEOG 3500 REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY  
 HIST – Students can only take the following courses:  
 HIST 3700 ASIA TO 1500  
 HIST 3705 ASIA SINCE 1500  
 HIST 3715 COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA  
 HIST 3720 MODERN LATIN AMERICA  
 HIST 4125 THE CRUSADES  
 HIST 4130 THE MIDDLE AGES  
 HIST 4135 WOMEN IN THE ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL WORLD  
 HIST 4140 RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION  
 HIST 4155 EARLY MODERN EUROPE  
 HIST 4170 WOMEN, GENDER, AND SOCIETY IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE  
 HIST 4280 INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF EUROPE TO 1550  
 HIST 4285 INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF EUROPE SINCE 1550  
 HIST 4360 A CULTURAL HISTORY OF WALES, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND  
 HIST 4635 THE ERA OF SEGREGATION  
 HIST 4640 THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND BLACK POWER MOVEMENT  
 HIST 4645 AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY  
 HIST 4690 HISTORY OF UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS  
 HIST 4700 CONQUEST AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA  
 HIST 4710 MODERN MIDDLE EAST  
 HIST 4720 THE VIETNAM WAR  
 HIST 4730 MODERN CHINA  
 HIST 4800 MODERN MEXICO  
 HIST 4805 SPANISH AMERICAN WARS OF INDEPENDENCE  
 HIST 4810 MODERN CARIBBEAN  
 MUSC – Students can only take the following courses:  
 MUSC 3650 JAZZ HISTORY  
 MUSC 3660 AMERICAN MUSIC  
 POLS – Students can only take the following courses:  
 POLS 2401 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS & ISSUES  
 POLS 4531 THE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST  
 POLS 4541 THE POLITICS OF MODERN AFRICA  
 RELI – Any 3000-4000 level courses  
 RHET – Students can only take the following courses:  
 RHET 3310 PERFORMANCE STUDIES  
 RHET 4315 MODERN AND POSTMODERN RHETORICAL THEORY  
 RHET 4500 RHETORICAL CRITICISM  
 RHET 4950 (Various Topics chosen with approval of the advisor)  
 SOCI – Any 3000-4000 level courses  
 WMST – Any 3000-4000 level courses

**Capstone: 3-4 HOURS**

An appropriate 4000-level course to be chosen in consultation with the advisor that will additionally include a senior research paper/project.

OR

An appropriate Study Abroad course taken in consultation with the advisor.

**ELECTIVES: 2-12 hours**

Electives will vary by student because of various credits needed for foreign language requirement.

\*Students must have at least 39 credits at the 3000-4000 level and 120 total hours to graduate.

### **Liberal Studies: European Studies Concentration**

A student can choose to pursue a European Studies track within the Liberal Studies major at any time in her/his college career, although students are advised to declare their major early in order to ensure a timely completion of their degree program.

Students are strongly recommended to take the Methods course in the year prior to the year of graduation.

### **AREA F: 18 HOURS**

#### **Interdisciplinary Methods: 3 Hours**

Choose any one of the following:

IDST 2305 TOPICS IN HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

IDST 2310 FINE AND APPLIED ARTS IN CIVILIZATION

#### **Theory/Methods Focus Requirement: 12 Hours**

Choose 12 hours from the following list:

[Note: Students may take courses not listed below with the approval of the advisor]

HIST 1131. WORLD CIVILIZATION AND SOCIETY I.

HIST 1132. WORLD CIVILIZATION AND SOCIETY II.

ARTS 2810. FROM THE RENAISSANCE TO THE MODERN WORLD.

ARTS 2800. THE ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL WORLDS.

IDST 2305 TOPICS IN HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS [If not taken as Interdisciplinary Methods course]

IDST 2310 FINE AND APPLIED ARTS IN CIVILIZATION [If not taken as Interdisciplinary Methods course]

#### **Foreign language requirements: 3 semester hours**

Students must demonstrate minimum proficiency at the level of the fourth university course (2002) in French, Spanish, German or Italian, but only the fourth university course (2002) can count in Area F. Any hours not applied to Area F may be applied towards elective hours.

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 27-28 HOURS**

#### **Major Areas: 24 hours**

##### **Fine Arts: 3 hours**

ARTS 4810. TWENTIETH CENTURY ART, 1900-1950.

ARTS 4820. LATE TWENTIETH CENTURY ART SINCE 1950.

MUSC 3600. MUSIC HISTORY SURVEY I.

MUSC 3610. MUSIC HISTORY SURVEY II.

**Literature: 9 Hours**

ENGL 4220. MEDIEVAL ENGLISH LITERATURE.  
ENGL 4223. CHAUCER.  
ENGL 4225. ENGLISH RENAISSANCE LITERATURE.  
ENGL 4226. TOPICS IN SHAKESPEARE.  
ENGL 4227. MILTON.  
ENGL 4228. DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH DRAMA.  
ENGL 4330. RESTORATION AND EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY LITERATURE.  
ENGL 4331. EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH NOVEL.  
ENGL 4335. ENGLISH ROMANTICISM.  
ENGL 4337. VICTORIAN LITERATURE.  
ENGL 4338. NINETEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH NOVEL.  
ENGL 4441. TWENTIETH-CENTURY BRITISH FICTION.  
FREN 3110. FRENCH CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION I.  
FREN 3120. FRENCH CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION II.  
FREN 3210. SURVEY OF FRENCH LITERATURE I.  
FREN 3220. SURVEY OF FRENCH LITERATURE II.  
FREN 4220. FRANCOPHONE WOMEN WRITERS  
SPAN 3210. SURVEY OF SPANISH LITERATURE I.  
SPAN 3220. SURVEY OF SPANISH LITERATURE II.  
SPAN 4450. SPANISH CIVILIZATION.

**History and Politics: 9 Hours**

HIST 3301. ENGLAND TO 1660.  
HIST 3305. ENGLAND SINCE 1660.  
HIST 4110. CLASSICAL GREECE.  
HIST 4120. CLASSICAL ROME.  
HIST 4125. THE CRUSADES.  
HIST 4130. THE MIDDLE AGES.  
HIST 4135. WOMEN IN THE ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL WORLD.  
HIST 4140. RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION.  
HIST 4155. EARLY MODERN EUROPE.  
HIST 4170. WOMEN, GENDER, AND SOCIETY IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE.  
HIST 4175. ENLIGHTENMENT AND ABSOLUTISM.  
HIST 4210. THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON.  
HIST 4215. NINETEENTH CENTURY REVOLUTIONS.  
HIST 4220. MODERN EUROPE.  
HIST 4230. MODERN FRANCE.

HIST 4245. MODERN GERMANY.  
HIST 4250. TWENTIETH CENTURY RUSSIA.  
HIST 4280. INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF EUROPE TO 1550.  
HIST 4285. INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF EUROPE SINCE 1550.  
HIST 4360. A CULTURAL HISTORY OF WALES, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND.  
HIST 4380. THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS  
POLS 4505. INTRODUCTION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION.

**Additional Requirement: 3 Hours**

Take an additional 3-hours among the Major courses listed above.

**Capstone requirement: 3-4 HOURS**

An appropriate 4000-level course to be chosen in consultation with the advisor that will additionally include a senior research paper/project.

OR

An appropriate Study Abroad course taken in consultation with the advisor.

**ELECTIVES: 5-15 hours**

Electives will vary by student because of various credits needed for foreign language requirement.

\*Students must have at least 39 credits at the 3000-4000 level and 120 total hours to graduate.

## **Liberal Studies: Gender & Sexuality Studies Concentration**

### **AREA F: 18 HOURS**

#### **Interdisciplinary Methods: 3 Hours**

IDST 2315 AMERICA'S DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### **Theory/ Methods Focus Requirement: 12 Hours from the following list**

Choose from the following list:

WMST 2010 WOMEN IN SOCIETY

SOCI 1121 SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

SOCI 2293 INTRODUCTION TO MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

AFST 2010 INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN STUDIES

BLST 2010 INTRODUCTION TO BLACK STUDIES

#### **Foreign language requirements: 3 semester hours**

Students must demonstrate minimum proficiency at the level of the fourth university course (2002) in one foreign language, but only the fourth university course (2002) can count in Area F. Any hours not applied to Area F may be applied towards elective hours.

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 24 HOURS**

#### **15 Hours from the following list**

WMST 3910 QUEER THEORY

WMST 3910 BLACK FEMINIST THOUGHT

WMST 3910 FEMINIST PHILOSOPHIES

WMST 3910 AUTOBIO, AUTOTHEORY & ACTIVISM

WMST 3910 PHILOSOPHY, FILM AND SEXUALITY

WMST 4432 GENDER AND SOCIETY

WMST 3550 HUMAN SEXUALITY

WMST 4950 SEX, GENDER, AND SEXOLOGY IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

WMST 4950 GENDER AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

SOCI 3446 SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

#### **Any WMST designated course in humanities: 3 Hours**

Course to be chosen in consultation with the advisor

#### **Appropriate Research Methods Course: 3 hours**



Choose from the following list:

PSYC 2700 STATS FOR BEHAVIOR/HEALTH SCIENCE

PSYC 2800 RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY

KINS 4813 RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY HEALTH

SOCI 3442 RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY

ENGL 3900 CRITICAL APPROACHES TO LITERATURE

**Capstone: 3 Hours**

An appropriate 4000-level course to be chosen in consultation with the advisor that will additionally include a senior research paper/project.

**ELECTIVES: 9-18 HOURS.** Electives will vary by student because of various credits needed for foreign language requirement.

Students will be assigned 2 appropriate advisors to help select elective courses that will help facilitate their concentration in Gender & Sexuality Studies.

\*Students must have at least 39 credits at the 3000-4000 level and 120 total hours to graduate.

### **Liberal Studies: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Concentration**

A student can choose to pursue a Race, Ethnicity and Gender track within the Liberal Studies major at any time in her/his college career, although students are advised to declare their major early in order to ensure a timely completion of their degree program.

### **AREA F: 18 hours**

#### **Interdisciplinary Methods: 3 Hours**

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#### **Theory/Methods Focus Courses: 15 Hours**

Choose from the following list:

AFST 2010: INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN STUDIES

BLST 2010: INTRODUCTION TO BLACK STUDIES

SOCI 1121: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

IDST 2310 FINE AND APPLIED ARTS IN CIVILIZATION

WMST 2010: WOMEN IN SOCIETY: INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS : 27 hours**

The student's program of study should include at least one course that addresses issues in each of the following areas: African Studies, African-American Studies, Latin American Studies and Women's Studies. [Note: Students may take courses not listed below with the approval of the advisor]

#### **Required Courses: 6 hours**

SOCI 3444: THEORIES OF RACIAL STRATIFICATION

SOCI 3432: GENDER AND SOCIETY

#### **Humanities: Minimum 3 hours**

AFST/BLST 4845: AFRICAN ART HISTORY

AFST/BLST 4451: AFRICAN LITERATURE

AFST/BLST 4667: AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

AFST/BLST 4669: MULTICULTURAL AMERICAN LITERATURE

AFST/BLST 3650: SURVEY OF JAZZ HISTORY

AFST/BLST 3800: AFRICAN MUSIC AND DANCE

ENGL 4671. STUDIES IN NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE.

ENGL 4770. STUDIES IN FOLKLORE.

SPAN 3230. SURVEY OF LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE I.

SPAN 3240. SURVEY OF LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE II.

SPAN 4500. SEMINAR IN CONTEMPORARY LATIN-AMERICAN CULTURE

**Social Science Courses: Minimum 3 Hours**

GEOG 3500: THE GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA  
GEOG 3500:THE GEOGRAPHY OF LATIN AMERICA  
SOCI 3615: LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN AFRICA  
POLS. 4541: THE POLITICS OF MODERN AFRICA  
AFST 4950: AFRICAN TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY  
AFST/BLST 3580: TRADITIONAL AFRICAN WORLDVIEW  
AFST/BLST 4010: AFRICAN COUNTRY PROJECT  
ANTH 3200. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA.  
ANTH 3100. NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURES  
ANTH 4800. PLANTS & PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA.

**Gender Courses: Minimum 3 Hours**

WMST 3010: THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY  
WMST 3120: WOMEN'S SOCIAL AND HEALTH ISSUES  
WMST 3500: WOMEN IN THE ARTS  
AFST/BLST 4452: AFRICAN WOMEN WRITERS  
BLST/WMST 4840: AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS  
WMST 4800: WOMEN AND ART

**History Courses: Minimum 3 Hours**

HIST/BLST 3020: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1877  
HIST/BLST 3025: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1877  
HIST/ BLST 4635: THE ERA OF SEGREGATION  
HIST/BLST 4640: THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND BLACK POWER MOVEMENT  
HIST/BLST 4645: AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL HISTORY  
HIST/BLST 4810: THE MODERN CARIBBEAN HIST 3715.  
HIST 3715 COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA.  
HIST 3720. MODERN LATIN AMERICA.  
HIST 4690. HISTORY OF UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS.  
HIST 4700. CONQUEST AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA.

**Additional Requirements: 6 Hours:** TWO other courses must be selected from any of the above areas.

**Capstone course: 3 HOURS**

The capstone course can be fulfilled by independent study, but it must be on a project that shows the convergence between race, ethnic and gender relation.

Options for capstone:

1. AFST 4010, the African Country Project can be used for this purpose, provided it is not already used under the Social Studies category, and the student shows the convergence, in the country studied, of race, ethnic and gender relations.
2. WMST 4xxx: An appropriate 4000 level Women's Studies Course
3. IDST 4999: An appropriate Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone
4. Appropriate Study Abroad taken in consultation with the advisor..
5. Student can petition the Liberal Studies coordinator to allow an upper level AFST, BLST or WMST course as a capstone course for this track.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: 3-12 HOURS**

Students must demonstrate minimum proficiency at the level of the fourth university course (2002) in one foreign language.

**ELECTIVES: 3-12 hours**

Electives will vary by student because of various credits needed for foreign language requirement.

\*Students must have at least 39 credits at the 3000-4000 level and 120 total hours to graduate.

### **Liberal Studies: Third World Studies Concentration**

A student can choose to pursue a Third World Studies track within the Liberal Studies major at any time in her/his college career, although students are advised to declare their major early in order to ensure a timely completion of their degree program.

Students are strongly recommended to take the Research Methods course in the year prior to the year of graduation.

### **AREA F: 18 HOURS**

#### **Interdisciplinary Methods: 3 Hours**

IDST 2315 AMERICA'S DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### **Theory Focused Courses: 12 hours from the following list**

Choose from the following list:

AFST 2010. INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN STUDIES.

BLST 2010. INTRODUCTION TO BLACK STUDIES

IDST 2310 FINE AND APPLIED ARTS IN CIVILIZATION

RELI 1111. INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS.

GEOG 1102. WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY. (APPROPRIATE SECTIONS)

ANTH 1102: INTRO TO ANTHROPOLOGY

#### **Language Requirement: 3 Hours:**

Students must demonstrate minimum proficiency at the level of the fourth university course (2002) in French or Spanish, but only the fourth university course (2002) can count in Area F. Any hours not applied to Area F may be applied towards elective hours.

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 27 hours**

#### **Major areas: 24 hours**

Take **24 hours** distributed as follows, with at least 1 course addressing issues in each of the following regions: South and Central America; Africa; and Asia. [Note: Students may take courses not listed below with the approval of the advisor]

#### **Humanities: 9 Hours**

AFST 4451. AFRICAN LITERATURE.

AFST 4452. AFRICAN WOMEN WRITERS.

ENGL 4950 LITERATURE OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

HIST 3700 ASIA TO 1500

HIST 3705 ASIA SINCE 1500  
HIST 3715. COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA.  
HIST 3720. MODERN LATIN AMERICA. (3-0-3)  
HIST 4690. HISTORY OF UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS.  
  
HIST 4700. CONQUEST AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN COLONIAL LATIN AMERICA.  
HIST 4710. MODERN MIDDLE EAST.  
HIST 4730. MODERN CHINA.  
HIST 4800. MODERN MEXICO.  
HIST 4810. MODERN CARIBBEAN.  
PHIL 4950: VARIOUS SECTIONS; CONSULT ADVISOR  
RELI           Any 3000-4000 Level course  
SPAN 3230. SURVEY OF LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE I.  
SPAN 3240. SURVEY OF LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE II.

**Social Science: 9 Hours**

AFST 3615. LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN AFRICA.  
AFST 4950. AFRICAN TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY.  
ANTH 3200. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA.  
ANTH 4800. PLANTS & PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA.  
GEOG 3500. REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY.  
GEOG 3500 GEOGRAPHY OF LATIN AMERICA.  
GEOG 3500 GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA (CROSS-LISTED AS AFST 3500)  
GEOG 3500 GEOGRAPHY OF ASIA.  
GEOG 3500 GEOGRAPHY OF THE MIDDLE EAST.  
GEOG 3500 GEOGRAPHY OF THE SOUTHERN WORLD.  
POLS 4531. THE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST.  
POLS 4541. THE POLITICS OF MODERN AFRICA.  
POLS 4561. THE POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA.

**Fine Arts: 6 Hours**

ARTS 4845. AFRICAN ART HISTORY.  
ARTS 4880. CHINESE ART HISTORY  
ARTS 4881 ASIAN ART HISTORY- INDIAN  
ARTS 4882 ASIAN ART HISTORY: SE ASIA

**Capstone: 3 hours**

An appropriate 4000-level course to be chosen in consultation with the advisor that will additionally include a senior research paper/project.

OR

Appropriate Study Abroad chosen in consultation with the advisor.

**ELECTIVES: 6-15 hours**

Electives will vary by student because of various credits needed for foreign language requirement.

\*Students must have at least 39 credits at the 3000-4000 level and 120 total hours to graduate.

## **Liberal Studies: Individualized Concentration**

The Liberal Studies Individualized Concentration is available by admission only. Since students wishing to pursue this cross-disciplinary major are seeking freedom from the requirements normally set by disciplinary majors, they must demonstrate their academic maturity by meeting the following admission requirements.

1. The student must have completed a minimum of 30 (overall) semester hours.
2. The student must have a minimum cumulative academic grade point average of 3.3.
3. The student must identify one or more advisors (referred to as Program Advisors) drawn from the disciplines included in the Program of Study, who will provide them with guidance required to complete their Program of Study.
4. The student must submit and have accepted a [prospectus](#) formed in three parts: (1) a list of a minimum of 2 disciplines to be used in the major; (2) a list of courses and time-line for taking the courses, developed in consultation with the program advisor(s) and approved by the department chair of the disciplines represented in the student's major of study; (3) a typed essay of 500-750 words in length describing why the student has chosen this program of study, how (s)he plans to coordinate the disciplines and why. The prospectus must be approved by the Coordinator before the student can be admitted to the major. Any changes of disciplines or courses listed must be approved by the program advisors and registered with the Liberal Studies Coordinator.

### **AREA F: 18 HOURS**

#### **Interdisciplinary Methods: 3 Hours**

Choose any one of the following:

IDST 2305 TOPICS IN HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

IDST 2310 FINE AND APPLIED ARTS IN CIVILIZATION

IDST 2315 AMERICA'S DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### **Humanities: 3-9 Hours**

Take any 1000-2000 level course(s) in ARTS, DANC, ENGL, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, JAPN, LING, MFLG, MSCM, MUED, MUSC, PHIL, RELI, RHET, SPAN, THEA.

#### **Social Sciences (3-9 hours):**

Take any 1000-2000 level course(s) in AFST, ANTH, BLST, CRJU, ECON, GEOG, HIST, INST, POLS, PSYC, SOCI, WMST.

#### **Natural Sciences and Math (3-9 hours):**

Take any 1000-2000 level course(s) in ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, CSCI, ENSC, GEOG, GEOL, MATH, PHYS.



Note: When selecting from the natural sciences (ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, ENSC, GEOG, GEOL, PHYS), both the lecture course and the companion laboratory course (when it exists) must be successfully completed to apply the credits from either course to this degree requirement.

(Any transfer student, who has not completed the courses in Area F, or their equivalents, must take these courses at GCSU.)

### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 36-7 hours**

#### **Major Areas: 30 hours**

**Upper-level hours** to be taken in 2 or more distinct disciplines, determined in consultation with the program advisor(s) and the department chairs of the disciplines represented, and approved by the Liberal Studies coordinator. A minimum of 15 hours is required in 1 discipline and a minimum of 9 hours in another discipline.

#### **Capstone requirement: 6-7 hours**

An appropriate 4000-level course to be chosen in consultation with the program advisor(s) that will additionally include a senior research paper/project that shows the convergence between all the disciplines included in the student's program of study. Students are required to register for IDST 4931 as a co-requisite.

### **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: 0-3 hours**

Students must demonstrate minimum proficiency at the level of the fourth university course (2002). Students may use up to 9 hours of foreign language coursework in Area F.

#### **ELECTIVES: 2-6 hours**

Electives will vary by student because of various credits needed for foreign language requirement.

\*Students must have at least 39 credits at the 3000-4000 level and 120 total hours to graduate.