

Liberal Studies

Program Description

It is expected that all graduates of Santa Barbara City College be able to understand ideas, possess an awareness of our society and its institutions, and have the ability to interact in a qualitative manner with the world in which they live.

The institution expects students, no matter what their goals may be, to think and communicate clearly through both the spoken and written word. They will have learned diverse methods of inquiry, as well as acquired an intellectual curiosity to be utilized in their endeavors as worthwhile individuals and members of society.

The Liberal Studies degree at Santa Barbara City College is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with a foundation of knowledge in the areas of English composition, critical thinking, oral communication, physical and life sciences, arts and humanities, and social sciences. Through this program students acquire a breadth of knowledge across multiple disciplines, explore how knowledge across disciplines can be connected, analyze and evaluate ideas using the tools of critical thinking, and demonstrate effective communication skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

The Liberal Studies degree prepares students to transfer to a Liberal Studies – Teacher Education bachelor's degree program. The degree is intended to provide students with options to select appropriate coursework to meet lower-division requirements of the Liberal Studies program of the four-year institution they are planning to attend. Articulation agreements for most Liberal Studies – Teacher Education programs offered at the University of California and the California State University systems are available on the ASSIST website at www.assist.org. Course requirements for Liberal Studies – Teaching Education programs are different at each four-year institution. Therefore, students must select their courses for the Associate degree in consultation with an SBCC academic counselor to ensure they satisfy the lower-division preparation for the Liberal Studies program of the four-year institution to which they are planning to transfer.

Since Liberal Studies is a “college-wide” interdisciplinary Associate Degree program, it does **not** have departmental affiliation. Inquiries regarding the Liberal Studies program should be directed to an academic counselor or the Dean, Educational Programs — Student Development and Counseling.

Department Offices

Division: Educational Programs Support Division
Keith McLellan, *Dean* (SS-260, ext. 2202)

Advisers/Counselors

Counseling Center Counselors (SS-120, ext. 2285)

Degrees

Associate in Arts Degree: Liberal Studies
(*pending Chancellor's Office approval*)

A.A. Degree: Liberal Studies

The Associate Degree will be awarded upon completion of Program and Graduation Requirements.

Program Requirements

COMM 121 — Interpersonal Communication	3.0
OR	
COMM 121H — Interpersonal Communication, Honors.....	3.0
OR	
COMM 131 — Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3.0
OR	
COMM 131H — Fundam of Public Speaking, Honors.....	3.0
OR	
COMM 141 — Small Group Communication	3.0
OR	
COMM 161 — Business and Professional Communication	3.0
AND*	
ENG 110 — Composition and Reading.....	3.0
OR	
ENG 110GB — Composition and Reading	3.0
OR	
ENG 110H — Composition and Reading, Honors.....	3.0

**NOTE: This is a correction from the printed version which reads, “OR”. This electronic online version, which reads, “AND” is correct.*

ENG 111 — Critical Thinking & Composition Through Literature	3.0
OR	
ENG 111GB — Critical Thinking & Composition Through Literature	3.0
OR	
ENG 111H — Critical Thinking & Composition Through Literature, Honors.....	3.0
OR	
ENG 111HG — Critical Thinking & Composition Through Literature, Honors.....	3.0
OR	
PHIL 111 — Critical Thinking & Writing in Philosophy.....	3.0
OR	
PHIL 205 — Introduction to Logic.....	3.0
OR	
COMM 235 — Argumentation and Debate	3.0

Select two courses from the following - at least one of the courses must have a lab (7-10 units):

BIOL 100, BIOL 140, BIOL 140 & 141, BMS 107, BMS 108, EARTH 101 or 101H, EARTH 101 & 102 or EARTH 101H & 102, EARTH 111 or 111H, EARTH 111 & 111L or EARTH 111H & 111L, EARTH 112, EARTH 112 & 112L, EARTH 151, EARTH 151 & 151L, PHSC 103, PHYS 101, PHYS 101 & 101L, PHYS 101H, PHYS 102

Select two courses from the following (6-8 units):

ANTH 103, BLST 101, ECE 120, EARTH 142/GEOG 105, GEOG 102, HIST 101, HIST 102 or 102H, HIST 107, HIST 108, HIST 109, POLS 101, PSY 100 or 100H, PSY 140, PSY 145, SOC 101 or 101H, SOC 104

Select two courses from the following (6-8 units):

ART 101, ART 103, ART 104 or 104H, CHST 115, CHST 131, ECE 115, ENG 221 or 221GB, ENG 222 or 222GB, ENG 225 or 225GB, ENG 226 or 226H, ENG 231 or 231GB, ENG 232 or 232GB, MUS 110 or 110H, MUS 118, PE 250, PHIL 100, PHIL 101 or 101H, PHIL 102 or 102H, PHIL 200, PHIL 201, TA 103 or 103GB, TA 111, Foreign Language

Recommended Courses:

ANTH 104, COMP 101, ECE 102, ED 101, ED 295, HE 101 or 102, MATH 108

Graduation Requirements:

- (1) Complete all department requirements with a “C” or better in each course
- (2) Complete at least 18 units of General Education Requirements (Areas A-D of the SBCC General Education pattern)
- (3) Complete the SBCC Institutional Requirements (Area E)
- (4) Complete the Information Competency Requirement (Area F)
- (5) Complete a total of 60 degree-applicable units (SBCC courses numbered 100 and higher)
- (6) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all units attempted at SBCC
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Candidates for an Associate Degree are expected to complete 45 units at SBCC, or complete the last 15 units in residence at SBCC. Candidates for an Associate Degree are also expected to complete at least 20% of the department requirements in residence at SBCC. Pass/no pass grading is not permitted in a course within a student’s major area of study.