

Liberal Studies

Program Description

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.

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.

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.

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)

Degree

Associate in Arts Degree: Liberal Studies

A.A. Degree: Liberal Studies

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

Department 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 — Fundamentals 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
AND	
ENG 111 — Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature	3.0
OR	
ENG 111GB — Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature	3.0
OR	
ENG 111H — Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature, Honors.....	3.0
OR	
ENG 111HG — Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature, Honors.....	3.0
OR	
PHIL 111 — Critical Thinking and 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 and 141, BMS 107, BMS 108, EARTH 101 or 101H, EARTH 101 and 102 or EARTH 101H and 102, EARTH 111 or 111H, EARTH 111 and 111L or EARTH 111H and 111L, EARTH 112, EARTH 112 and 112L, EARTH 151, EARTH 151 and 151L, PHSC 103, PHYS 101, PHYS 101 and 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, TA 111, Foreign Language

Recommended Courses:

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

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

(1) Complete all department requirements with a "C" or better in each course. Candidates for an Associate Degree are also required to complete at least 20% of the department requirements through SBCC. Pass/No Pass grading is not permitted in those courses needed to fulfill department requirements; (2) Complete at least 18 units of General Education Requirements (Areas A-D of the SBCC General Education pattern) OR complete the IGETC pattern (34-40 units) OR complete the CSU GE Breadth pattern (39 units); (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; (7) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all college units attempted; and (8) Candidates for an Associate Degree are required to complete 15 units through SBCC.