

LEADERSHIP AND PERSONALIZED STUDIES

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/departments/liberalstudies/>)

Career Possibilities:

There are many possible careers for liberal studies graduates, depending on how students plan their coursework. Graduates from our program work in all sorts of industries including business, politics, natural resources, marketing, and public relations - just to name a few. Others enroll in graduate programs ranging from law school, business administration, communication, women and gender studies, and professional studies.

Program Overview Mission

Our mission is to provide flexible, innovative degree programs to students whose needs and interests are not limited to a single discipline. Grounded in the liberal arts tradition, we prepare graduates to:

- Communicate effectively
- Think critically and creatively
- Make connections across disciplines
- Become knowledgeable, engaged citizens of our local and global communities
- Assume leadership roles and apply their knowledge in all areas of their professional and personal lives

The liberal studies major is often a degree-completion option for transfer and returning students, including working adults interested in career advancement. Because of its flexibility and appreciation of interdisciplinarity, the liberal studies major is an ideal fit for transfer and returning students, as well working adults interested in growing their skillset for career advancement. By recognizing themes in students' previous coursework, liberal studies advisors help students identify and structure individually cohesive concentrations that embody their interests and past academic background. These concentrations, along with the LBST core and modest lower-level coursework requirements, provide students a meaningful, personalized, viable, and efficient path toward graduation.

Vision

We believe that students educated in our program will have the skills to meet the many challenges of today's workplace. Moreover, because our students have the flexibility to choose classes in multiple disciplines, they can design a major that better addresses their individual career goals. Liberal studies is committed to helping students create their own paths to degree completion, career success, and ultimately a more fulfilling quality of life. We envision our program, students, and graduates helping to shape a community that is intellectually engaged, globally connected, environmentally responsible, diverse, and inclusive.

Program Competency Areas

The liberal studies curriculum is guided by six areas in which students are expected to demonstrate competency. These areas should guide students' course selection as well as their focus within particular courses. Understanding of the competencies is demonstrated by the

successful completion of a senior seminar project. The competency areas are as follows:

Communication:

Effective communication skills include listening, speaking, reading, writing, and information literacy.

Ethical Reasoning and Action:

Individual, social, and environmental responsibility includes civic knowledge and engagement (both global and local).

History:

Recognizing patterns in past events and seeing their relevance to present-day life; demonstrating how contemporary social issues are rooted in past events and political choices; understanding the impacts of the social and physical environments on individual experience; and speculating in informed ways about how present-day trends might affect the future.

Critical and Creative Thinking:

The capacity to combine or synthesize existing ideas and information; comprehensively explore issues, ideas, objects, and events before reaching a conclusion.

Intercultural Knowledge:

Understanding and empathizing with people from diverse cultures; understanding societies and cultures on their own terms; interacting and working with people from diverse backgrounds; and leading or contributing support to those who lead.

Interdisciplinary Perspective:

The ability to make deliberate connections among various academic disciplines, to comprehend and participate in more than one discipline; the ability to reflect on the nature and value of an interdisciplinary perspective.

Preparation for Graduate School

Completion of a liberal studies major is ideal preparation for graduate programs that value education in the liberal arts, social sciences, and cross-disciplinary pursuits

Programs Offered

- Leadership and Personalized Studies Major Online Degree Completion Program (BA) (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/leadership-personalized-studies/leadership-personalized-studies-major-online-degree-completion-program/>)
- Leadership and Personalized Studies Major (BA) (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/leadership-personalized-studies/leadership-personalized-studies-major/>)
- Leadership Certificate (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/leadership-personalized-studies/leadership-certificate/>)
- Leadership and Personalized Studies (AA) (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/associate-degree-programs/leadership-personalized-studies/>)

Leadership and Personalized Studies Major Concentrations

- Humanities
- Leadership and Organizational Studies
- Social Science Studies

- Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Individually Designed

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Courses in Liberal Studies

LBST 100 | The Life Expressive: Introduction to the Arts and Humanities | 3 cr

Explores the nature, history, overarching questions, and notable figures in academic disciplines within the humanities and the arts, such as communication; English and modern languages; ethnic studies; music; theatre arts; and women's, gender, and sexuality studies. Includes a focus on critical thinking and college success.

Prerequisites: None.

Offered: Fall.

Meets: Humanities and the Arts: LBST

LBST 101 | Beauty, Bewilderment, and Love: The Humanities through 1500 | 3 cr

Discusses the human condition through the expressions of world cultures, from prehistory to 1500. Explores the West, and also a variety of non-Western cultures.

Prerequisites: None.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

Meets: Humanities and the Arts: LBST

LBST 102 | Independence and Mystery: The Humanities from 1500 to the Present | 3 cr

Offers thematic and comparative approaches to the history of world cultures, from 1500 to the present. Explores the West and a variety of non-Western cultures.

Prerequisites: None.

Offered: Spring.

Meets: Humanities and the Arts: LBST

LBST 103 | Understanding Social Justice | 3 cr

Examines social inequalities and injustices that influence politics, economy, education, and self image through the eyes and voices of multiple marginalized persons/groups.

Prerequisites: None.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

Meets: Humanities and the Arts: LBST, Ethnic Diversity

LBST 168 | Student Leadership | 3 cr

Provides practical opportunities to learn and grow in preparation of your employment with the office of admissions and new student services. Consent of instructor.

Prerequisites: Acceptance to office of admissions and new student services orientation program.

Offered: Spring.

LBST 210 | Introduction to Leadership | 3 cr

Introduces principles of leadership from an interdisciplinary theoretical and practical perspective. Introduces skills such as self-assessment, communication strategies, understanding group dynamics and working in coalitions, setting goals while remaining flexible, and managing conflict.

Prerequisites: None.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

Meets: Social & Behavioral Science: ISTD

LBST 290 | Special Topics in Leadership and Personalized Studies | 1-3 cr

Introduces special topics in leadership and personalized studies. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

Prerequisites: None.

Offered: Occasionally.

LBST 300 | Identity and Influence: The American Experience | 3 cr

Investigates philosophies, methods, and issues within the humanities. Provides foundational understandings of the marginalizations that have occurred in this country since its (European) establishment.

Prerequisites: LBST 103 or consent of instructor.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

Meets: Ethnic Diversity

LBST 367 | Latinos(as) and the Law | 3 cr

Introduces and examines experiences Latinos(as) encounter with and within the U.S. criminal justice system, as well as related international and transnational issues. Uses a range of theoretical frameworks, including socio-ecological, political and psychological. Cross-listed with: CRMJ 367/POLS 367.

Prerequisites: CRMJ 101 or POLS 100; or consent of instructor.

Offered: Occasionally.

Meets: Ethnic Diversity

LBST 390 | Special Topics in Leadership and Personalized Studies | 1-3 cr

Examines intermediate-level special topics in leadership and personalized studies. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor.

Offered: Occasionally.

LBST 490 | Special Topics in Leadership and Personalized Studies | 1-3 cr

Examines advanced-level special topics in leadership and personalized studies. May repeat with different topic.

Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

Offered: Occasionally.

LBST 492 | Practicum in Leadership | 3 cr

Supports students as they complete the capstone project for the leadership certificate.

Prerequisites: LBST 210 and two other leadership courses or consent of instructor.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

LBST 494 | Internship in Leadership and Personalized Studies | 1-4 cr

Provides opportunity for directed field experience, focusing on applying scholarly concepts to the workplace. Specific arrangements to be made in consultation with advisor. Maximum of 6 credits may be applied to the major.

Prerequisites: Leadership and Personalized Studies major, junior standing; consent of instructor and department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

LBST 498 | Senior Seminar Project | 3 cr

Enables students to apply the knowledge and competencies of Liberal Studies to a senior project.

Prerequisites: Liberal studies major, senior standing and consent of instructor.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

LBST 499 | Independent Study | 1-3 cr

Individual study of selected topics in Liberal Studies.

Prerequisites: Liberal studies major, junior standing, consent of instructor and department chair.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.