

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR (BA)

Department website (<https://www.uwp.edu/learn/programs/lbstmajor.cfm>)

College: College of Arts & Humanities

Requirements for the Liberal Studies Major

Students complete the major "core" in addition to a concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
LBST 103	Diversity in the United States	3
LBST 300	Identity and Influence: The American Experience	3
<i>Required Senior Seminar Capstone</i>		
Capstone is to be completed final semester in the major/concentration.		
LBST 498	Senior Seminar Project	3
Concentration Courses		
Choose one concentration		32-33
Total Credits		41-42

Note: In order to reach the 120 credits, including the 36 upper division credits, minimally required to earn a Bachelor's degree at UW-Parkside, Liberal Studies majors may need to complete additional coursework in the form of "electives". Alternatively, students may wish to augment their major with a minor or a certificate from any department on campus as a way to fulfill the remainder of their university requirements.

Concentration Options

Students choose one of five concentrations within the liberal studies major: humanities; leadership and organizational studies; social sciences studies; women's, gender, and sexuality studies; and individually designed.

Humanities Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Requirements ¹		
Introductory Courses ²		
Courses must be from at least 2 departments		
Select 3 of the following:		9
ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology	
COMM 107	Communication and the Human Condition	
ENVS 101	Introduction to Environmental Studies	
LBST 100	Introduction to the Disciplines: Humanities and the Arts	
LBST 101	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures to 1500	
LBST 102	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures 1500-Present	
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science	
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	

WGSS 110	Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies	
Skills, Methods, and/or Literacy Courses ³		
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL 201	Advanced Composition	
ENGL 253	Literature Into Film	
ENGL 266	Literary Analysis	
COMM 207	Introduction to the Communication Discipline (Part I)	
LBST 290	Special Topics in Liberal Studies	
Concentration Courses ^{4, 5}		18
Total Credits		33

- Each course may only count toward one requirement.
- These courses may be General Education courses and are often 100-level courses. Courses identified as prerequisites for desired, advanced coursework should be prioritized.
- These courses provide foundational skills needed to begin research and exploration required in a concentration.
- 18 credit concentration where at least 9 credits occur at the 300/400-level. No more than 6-credits may be earned through Independent Study courses. Selection must include courses from at least two different departments or disciplines.
- In consultation with a Liberal Studies Advisor, design a concentration with specialized focus, where the majority of coursework occurs in recognized Humanities disciplines such as English, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Communication, Liberal Studies, Ethnic Studies, Music, Theatre, Art, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Leadership and Organizational Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Requirements ¹		
Introductory Courses ²		
Courses must be from at least 2 departments		
Select three of the following:		9
ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology	
BUS 100	Introduction to Business	
COMM 107	Communication and the Human Condition	
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 121	Principles of Macroeconomics	
HIST 101	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction	
HIST 102	The United States: Reconstruction to Recent Times	
LBST 101	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures to 1500	
LBST 102	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures 1500-Present	
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science	
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	
Skills, Methods, and/or Literacy Courses ³		
Select two of the following:		6

ENGL 202	Technical Writing
ENGL 204	Writing for Business and Industry
LBST 210	Introduction to Leadership
LBST 290	Special Topics in Liberal Studies
QM 210	Business Statistics I

Concentration Courses ^{4, 5} **18**

Total Credits **33**

1

Each course may only count toward one requirement.

2

These courses may be General Education courses and are often 100-level courses. Courses identified as prerequisites for desired, advanced coursework should be prioritized.

3

These courses provide foundational skills needed to begin research and exploration required in a concentration.

4

18 credit concentration where at least 9 credits occur at the 300/400-level. No more than 6-credits may be earned through Independent Study courses. Selection must include courses from at least two different departments or disciplines.

5

In consultation with a Liberal Studies Advisor, design a concentration with specialized focus, where the majority of coursework occurs in recognized Leadership and Organizational Studies areas such as Accounting, Business, Communication, Criminal Justice, Ethnic Studies, History, Liberal Studies, Marketing, Management, Political Science, Professional Studies, and Statistics.

Social Science Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
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Requirements ¹

Introductory Courses ²

Courses must be from at least 2 departments

Select three of the following: **9**

ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology
COMM 107	Communication and the Human Condition
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 121	Principles of Macroeconomics
HIST 101	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction
HIST 102	The United States: Reconstruction to Recent Times
LBST 101	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures to 1500
LBST 102	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures 1500-Present
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology

Skills, Methods, and/or Literacy Courses ³

Select two of the following: **5-6**

HIST 250	Sources and Methods in History
LBST 210	Introduction to Leadership
SOCA 248	Report Writing for the Social Sciences
SOCA 250	Statistics for the Social Sciences
SOCA 295	Social Science Research Methods

Concentration Courses ^{4, 5} **18**

Total Credits **32-33**

1

Each course may only count toward one requirement.

2

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3

These courses provide foundational skills needed to begin research and exploration required in a concentration.

4

18 credit concentration where at least 9 credits occur at the 300/400-level. No more than 6-credits may be earned through Independent Study courses. Selection must include courses from at least two different departments or disciplines.

5

In consultation with a Liberal Studies Advisor, design a concentration with specialized focus, where the majority of coursework occurs in recognized Social Science disciplines such as Communication, Criminal Justice, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Geography, History, Liberal Studies, Political Science, International Studies, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
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Requirements ¹

Introductory Courses ²

Courses must be from at least 2 departments

Required Course

WGSS 110	Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies	3
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Select two of the following: **6**

BIOS 103	Human Biology
COMM 108	Media and Society
POLS 104	Introduction to International Relations
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology
WGSS/ENGL 112	Women In Literature

Skills, Methods, and/or Literacy Courses ³

Select two of the following: **5-7**

ENGL 266	Literary Analysis
POLS 200	Research Methods and Sources
PSYC 250	Psychological Statistics
SOCA 295	Social Science Research Methods
THEA/WGSS 215	LGBTQ Representation on Stage and Screen
WGSS/SOCA 213	Gender and Society

Concentration Courses ⁴

Select six of the following: **18**

COMM/WGSS 315	Communication and Gender
COMM 370	Communication and Social Movements

COMM/WGSS 463	Gender, Race, Class and Sexualities in the Media
CRMJ 366	Women, Crime and Criminal Justice
ENGL 267	Literature of Diversity
ENGL 320	Shakespeare
ENGL 451	Studies in Literature or Culture
HLTH 321	Women's Health Issues
POLS 321	Politics, Law, and Society
POLS 403	Women, Power and Politics
PSYC 307	Cross Cultural Psychology
SOCA/WGSS 367	LGBTQ Studies
SOCA 374	Women and Work
SPAN 435	Topics in Latin American Literature and Culture:
THEA/WGSS 215	LGBTQ Representation on Stage and Screen
WGSS 494	Internship in Women's, Gender Studies and Sexuality Studies

Total Credits **32-34**

1

Each course may only count toward one requirement.

2

These courses may be General Education courses and are often 100-level courses. Courses identified as prerequisites for desired, advanced coursework should be prioritized.

3

These courses provide foundational skills needed to begin research and exploration required in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies concentration. Choose two courses from two different departments.

4

18 credit concentration where at least 9 credits occur at the 300/400-level. No more than 6-credits may be earned through Independent Study courses.

Individually Designed Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Requirements ¹		
Introductory Courses ²		
Courses must be from at least 2 departments		
Select 3 of the following:		
ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology	9
BUS 100	Introduction to Business	
COMM 107	Communication and the Human Condition	
ENVS 101	Introduction to Environmental Studies	
HIST 101	The United States: Origins to Reconstruction	
LBST 100	Introduction to the Disciplines: Humanities and the Arts	
LBST 101	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures to 1500	
LBST 102	Introduction to Humanities: World Cultures 1500-Present	
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychological Science	
SOCA 101	Introduction to Sociology	

WGSS 110	Introduction to Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies	
Skills, Methods, and/or Literacy Courses		
Select two of the following: ³		
COMM 207	Introduction to the Communication Discipline (Part I)	5-6
ENGL 204	Writing for Business and Industry	
ENGL 266	Literary Analysis	
LBST 210	Introduction to Leadership	
LBST 290	Special Topics in Liberal Studies	
SOCA 248	Report Writing for the Social Sciences	
SOCA 250	Statistics for the Social Sciences	
SOCA 295	Social Science Research Methods	
QM 210	Business Statistics I	
Concentration Courses ^{4, 5}		18
Total Credits		32-33

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Each course may only count toward one requirement.

2

These courses may be General Education courses and are often 100-level courses. Courses identified as prerequisites for desired, advanced coursework should be prioritized.

3

These courses provide foundational skills needed to begin research and exploration required in a concentration.

4

18 credit concentration where at least 9 credits occur at the 300/400-level. No more than 6-credits may be earned through Independent Study courses. Selection must include courses from at least two different departments or disciplines.

5

In consultation with a Liberal Studies Advisor, design a concentration with specialized focus, where the coursework uniquely targets an interdisciplinary concept or project.

General University Degree Requirements (Bachelor's Degree)

In addition to individual program requirements, students must also fulfill the following requirements:

Requirement	Credits
Skills	7-8
General Education	36
Foreign Language**	6-8
Ethnic Diversity	3
Total	52-55

** Transfer students in sustainable management, and health information management and technology collaborative, online degree-completion programs, the business management online degree-completion program, and the flexible option degree-completion program will be exempt from the university's foreign language requirement. See appropriate academic section for further information.

Skills Requirement (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#skills>)

Code	Title	Credits
Reading and Writing		
ENGL 101	Composition and Reading	3
Computational Skills		
Select one of the following:		4-5
MATH 102	Survey of Mathematics	
MATH 103	Elementary Statistics	
MATH 104	Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 111	College Algebra I	
Total Credits		7-8

General Education (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#general>)

- General Education Course List (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/programs/general-education-program/#coursestext>)

Foreign Language (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#language>)

Ethnic Diversity (<https://catalog.uwp.edu/policies/#ethnic>)

Degree Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Minimum Total Credits	120
Upper Level Credits (300 level or above)	36
Residency	30 of final 60

Cumulative Degree GPA: 2.0 minimum