GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES  SPRING 2021

LBST 100  Introduction to the Humanities  GE Category C.2
Interdisciplinary introduction to the humanities as a set of related disciplines that apply conceptual, critical, historical and linguistic analyses to advance our understanding of what it means to be human.

Section 1 Class # 16905  MW 1:00-2:15  Prof. Keeler
Section 2 Class # 20983  TuTh 5:30-6:45  Prof. Maine

LBST 101  Introduction to the Social Sciences  GE Category D.1
Major topics in the social sciences in order to understand their systematic study of human behavior, to realize the connections among particular issues and approaches, and to reflect critically on modern life.

Section 1 Class # 17737  TuTh 10:00-11:15  Prof. Tobias
Section 2 Class # 20984  MW 4:00-5:15  Prof. Minehan

LBST 315  A European Tour  GE Categories D.4 & Z
Interdisciplinary introduction to the development of European civilization in the pre-modern period through an examination of select sites. The geographical and environmental context, the peopling of Europe and the evolution of cultural, political, economic and religious ideas and institutions. Prerequisite: Completion of G.E. Category C.2 or C.3 or HIST 110A.

Class # 20222  MW 10:00-11:15  Prof. Gonzalez

LBST 335  Science on the Silver Screen  GE Category C.3
Representations of science and scientists in film. Themes include images of scientists, the relationship between science and society, depictions of scientific personalities, and the emotional lives of scientists. Prerequisite: Completion of G.E. Category C.2.

Class # 20224  MW 2:30-3:45  Prof. McConnell

LBST 337  Science, Technology, and Society  GE Category E
Interdisciplinary examination of the relationships between science, technology, and social institutions and structures. Emphasis on developing and maintaining scientific literacy, understanding personal and public risk assessment, and participating in civic discussions of science policy. Prerequisite: Completion of G.E. Category B.1 and B.2.

Class # 17744  TuTh 4:00 5:15  Prof. Lambert
The Major in Liberal Studies

How will the Liberal Studies major benefit me?
• You’ll improve your general knowledge of the arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
• You’ll learn to draw interdisciplinary connections between these fields of knowledge.
• You’ll sharpen your critical thinking skills.
• You’ll improve your ability to interpret texts and to articulate your thoughts in writing and speaking.
• You’ll become a well-rounded person and engaged citizen.
• You’ll belong to a community of involved students and dedicated professors.

What will a Liberal Studies degree do for my career?
• Many of our students apply to a multiple-subject teaching credential program to become elementary education teachers. 85%-90% pass the CSET on their first try.
• Others get special education teaching credentials or single-subject credentials to teach in middle and high school.
• A fair number of our students have succeeded in the corporate world thanks to thinking, writing, and speaking skills that are increasingly sought after by employers. Some have started their own businesses.
• Some majors have gone on to law school.
• Others have continued their education in law school, other graduate programs, and professional schools.
• The well-roundedness of your Liberal Studies education prepares you for a professional future in which people change their careers on average three times.

The Minor in Liberal Studies

What will I gain from minoring in Liberal Studies?
• You’ll improve your knowledge of and learn to draw connections between the arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
• You’ll improve your reasoning and writing skills.
• You’ll become a more well-rounded person.

How will a Liberal Studies minor benefit my career?
• Today’s employers increasingly search for people who have a good general education in addition to the specialized skills that most college majors provide.
• The breadth of knowledge and the critical thinking and communication skills that a minor in Liberal Studies provides make you more attractive to employers and increase your chances to be eventually promoted to higher level positions.

The Minor in Food Studies

What will I gain from minoring in Food Studies?
• You’ll gain knowledge of the social and cultural factors that influence food choices, individual and social understandings, and the sustainability of food systems.
• You’ll get an introduction to the general concepts of nutrition.
• You’ll improve your writing, speaking, and reasoning skills.

How will a Food Studies minor benefit my career?
• The knowledge you gain makes you attractive to employers in the food industry, tourism, journalism/radio, television and film, health science, and education.