LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMATIC EMPHASIS (51 UNITS)

LIBERAL STUDIES CORE COURSES (30 UNITS)

1. LBST 300 Introduction to Liberal Studies  
2. LBST 302A Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies  
3. LBST 301 Inquiry & Composition in Liberal Studies  
4. LBST 302B Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies  
5. Interdisciplinary Studies Course  
   - LBST 310 The California Experience
   - LBST 315 A European Tour
   - LBST 322 Cross-Cultural Social Thought
   - LBST 323 Cross-Cultural Humanities
   - LBST 330 History of Early Science and Technology
   - LBST 331 History of Science: Copernicus to the Present
   - LBST 333 Evolution and Creation
   - LBST 335 Science on the Silver Screen
   - LBST 337 Science, Technology, and Society
   - LBST 340 Food in the Social Sciences
   - LBST 341 Ancient Eats: Food and Foodways in the Ancient World
6. LBST 303 Liberal Studies in the Humanities & Arts  
7. LBST 304 Liberal Studies in the Sciences  
8. LBST 305 Liberal Studies in the Social Sciences  
9. LBST 401 Knowledge in the Arts and Sciences  
10. Senior Seminar
   - LBST 485 Senior Seminar in Cultural Diversity
   - LBST 486 Senior Seminar in Humanities and Arts
   - LBST 488 Senior Seminar in Environmental Studies
   - LBST 489 Senior Seminar in Gender Issues
   - LBST 490 Senior Seminar in Great Books
   - LBST 491 Senior Seminar in Literature and Science
   - LBST 492 Senior Seminar in the History of the Information Machine

Term/Grade

Standard Four-Semester Sequence
Take LBST 300 and LBST 302A in the first semester, so that you can take LBST 302B in the second semester. LBST 300 may have community college equivalents that count toward the major.
LBST 301 must have been taken by the second semester, so that you can take LBST 303, LBST 304, and LBST 305 in the third semester.
Take LBST 302B in the second semester, so that you can take LBST 303, LBST 304, and LBST 305 in the third semester.
Take the Interdisciplinary Studies Course in the second semester, when your core course load is relatively light.
Only some Interdisciplinary Studies Courses are offered in any given semester. Some Interdisciplinary Studies Courses may not appear on your TDA; see the department chair for help.
Underlined courses count for General Education as well, if your catalog year is Fall 2018 or later.

INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMATIC EMPHASIS COURSES (21 UNITS)

A. Personalized Coordinated Program (18 Units)
The Personalized Coordinated Program consists of 18 units of upper-division courses that relate to the Interdisciplinary Theme. Both theme and courses are chosen in consultation with and have to be approved by a Liberal Studies advisor. To promote an interdisciplinary approach, no more than 9 units of coursework may be taken from a single department and no more than 15 units may fall into any one of the three Liberal Studies knowledge areas of arts & humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.

Take LBST 303, LBST 304, and LBST 305 in the third semester because LBST 303 and LBST 304 or LBST 304 and LBST 305 are prerequisites for LBST 401. Also, LBST 305 is a prerequisite for the Senior Seminars LBST 485 and LBST 489.

Take LBST 401 and the Senior Seminar in your fourth semester.

Only some Senior Seminars are offered in any given semester.
B. Interdisciplinary Research Project (3 units)

The Interdisciplinary Research Project, which may be a research paper or a creative project in the arts and humanities, natural sciences, or social sciences, must be related to the Interdisciplinary Theme.

The project can be carried out either over one semester by taking LBST 482 Interdisciplinary Research Seminar or over two semesters by taking 499 Independent Study with any full-time faculty member at CSUF who consents to be the project’s supervisor.

The prerequisites of LBST 482 consist of LBST 302A, LBST 302B, LBST 301, LBST 303, LBST 304 and LBST 305. In the Standard Four-Semester Sequence, LBST 482 is thus taken in the fourth semester.

In the first semester of 499 Independent Study, the student takes one unit to develop the Senior Project Proposal, which must include a clear description of the topic, a well-defined research plan, an annotated bibliography, and a specific and realistic completion schedule, and which must be approved by both the project supervisor and the Liberal Studies advisor. In the second semester, the student takes two further units of 499 to carry out the project. If warranted by special circumstances, a student may take all three units of 499 in a single semester with the approval of both the project supervisor and the Liberal Studies advisor. For further details, see a Liberal Studies advisor.

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