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Liberal Studies: Interdisciplinary Thematic Emphasis (ITE)

LBST Core Classes (36 Units)

- First-Time Freshmen: MUST take LBST 100 & LBST 101 here at CSUF in Year 1 or 2.
- Transfer Students: Start at Year 3. LBST 100/101 are satisfied by lower-division transfer GEs.

FIRST & SECOND YEAR

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Completed	SEMESTER	Course Name
	ANY	LBST 100 – Introduction to the Humanities (GE 3B)
	ANY	LBST 101 – Introduction to the Social Sciences (GE 4A)

THIRD YEAR				
 Beginning in Year 3, Core Classes are taken in a four-semester sequence as listed below. 				
Completed	SEMESTER	Course Name		
	ONE	LBST 300 – Introduction to Liberal Studies		
	ONE	LBST 302A – Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies		
	ONE or TWO	LBST 301 – Composition & Inquiry in Liberal Studies		
	TWO	LBST 302B – Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies		
	ONE or TWO	LBST Interdisciplinary Course (Choose ONE): LBST 310-341		
		☐ Double-counts with GE 3U, 4U, or 5U		

FOURTH YEAR		
Completed	SEMESTER	Course Name
	THREE	LBST 303 - Liberal Studies in the Arts & Humanities
	THREE	LBST 304 - Liberal Studies in the Sciences
	THREE	LBST 305 - Liberal Studies in the Social Sciences
	FOUR	LBST 401 – Knowledge in the Arts & Sciences
	FOUR	LBST Senior Seminar (Choose ONE): LBST 485-492

Interdisciplinary Thematic Emphasis (21 Units)

Description:

18 units of upper-division "theme" courses and 3 units of a senior research project (21 units total). Theme is chosen by student in consultation with LBST faculty advisor.

ITE Students use their theme to pursue an academic/research interest, career goal, and/or graduate school preparation. Check LBST Department website for sample thematic plans or pre-designed thematic advising tracks.

Instructions:

- No more than 9 units from a single department.
- No more than 15 units in one area of study (natural sciences, arts & humanities, social sciences).
- An additional LBST Interdisciplinary Course (LBST 310-341) can be used as a theme course AFTER the Interdisciplinary Core Requirement is satisfied.

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Completed	THEME COURSES (18 units)		
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	2.		
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LBST SENIOR RESEARCH PROJECT (3 units)

Description:

Class #7 in the ITE is the senior research project, which is completed in the student's fourth year in line with their core classes. Students have TWO OPTIONS to complete their research project.

Option 1: LBST 482

In Year 4, enroll in LBST 482 – Interdisciplinary Thematic Research Seminar (3 units). This course is only offered in Spring semester. Student takes the course with other LBST majors that are each working on their own separate research projects under the guidance of the faculty. Research project is completed in ONE semester.

Option 2: LBST 499

In Year 4, enroll in LBST 499 – Independent Study in final two semesters with a LBST faculty advisor of your choice (3 units total). In second-to-last semester, student enrolls in LBST 499 (1 unit) to develop research proposal 1-on-1 with a LBST faculty advisor. In final semester, student enrolls in LBST 499 (2 units) with the same faculty to complete proposed research project.

Alternatively, students can enroll in one semester of LBST 499 (3 units) with their LBST faculty advisor if approved by faculty. Research project is completed across ONE or TWO semesters.

Completed	LBST Senior Research Project (3 units): [Choose ONE]		
	LBST 482 - Interdisciplinary Thematic Research Seminar (SPRING ONLY)		
	LBST 499 – Independent Study (3 units)		

NOTE: A grade of C or better is required in all LBST major coursework (Core classes and Emphasis classes). Core classes must be taken in order listed. Emphasis classes can be taken in any order.