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LIBERAL STUDIES Program

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Degree Offered
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Areas of Specialization
Liberal Arts Option
Teacher Preparation Option
Bachelor's Plus Early Pathway (BPEP)

Number of Undergraduate Majors
431

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Overview

The broad-based, interdisciplinary curriculum of Liberal Studies provides a knowledge base and academic skills appropriate to many careers and occupations. The Teacher Preparation Option (including the BPEP program) provides excellent preparation for K-6 teaching. The Liberal Arts Option provides well-rounded preparation for graduate work and law school, and for employment in business, non-profit, and government organizations.

Projects and Programs

- Liberal Studies works closely with the Department of Teacher Education in the College of Education and Allied Studies in offering the BPEP (Bachelors Plus – Early Pathway) program. The BPEP program enables 30 selected students per year to simultaneously obtain a B.A. in Liberal Studies (normally for 2 years) and the post-baccalaureate Multiple Subject Teaching Credential (normally 4 quarters) within 7 quarters, beginning at the start of the junior year. Whereas a typical full-time student enroll in 12-16 units per quarter, BPEP students take 20-24 units per quarter.
- Liberal Studies works closely with PACE (Program for Accelerated College Education) in offering the Liberal Studies major (Liberal Arts Option) for working adults with classes in evenings, weekends, or on-line.

Career Opportunities

Administrator, Business Executive, Civil Servant, Customer Service Representative, Foreign Service Officer, Human Resources Administrator, Journalist, Writer, Law, Manager, Non-profit and Social Advocacy Organizations, Personnel Representative, Salesperson, Social and Human Services, Teacher (K-6, Pre-K, Early Childhood)

Community Outreach

Community College Fairs, presentations to future teachers groups.

Program Achievements

Students

- Liberal Studies students interested in pursuing an elementary credential pass CBEST and CSET at very high rates.
- Higher than average proportion of students graduate with honors.

Alumni

- The program has graduated many of the Bay Area K-6 teachers.
- Alumni have great success entering and completing teacher credential programs, as well as other graduate and professional programs. Our alumni hold multiple teaching credentials, master degrees, doctorate degrees and work in varied private and public settings.