

Creating a Study Plan within Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies students may focus their Concentration (20 hours) and/or Complimentary Field (12 hours) coursework in one of the more traditional disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences, or they can choose to work in one of the four interdisciplinary concentrations: *Child and Family Studies*, *Global and Multicultural Issues*, *Popular Culture Studies*, and *Ways of Seeing and Knowing*.

Child and Family Studies

The Child and Family Studies concentration encourages investigation into the many facets of contemporary domestic living. Courses offered within this area explore such topics as home and family welfare, parental dynamics, community involvement, and childhood development.

Courses for this concentration include:

AGED 371 – Agricultural and Youth Leadership
CJ 326 – Juvenile Delinquency
COUN 316 – Parent and Family Dynamics
COUN 414 – Home and Family Living
ECE 313 – (TECA 1354 non-advance credit) Child Development: Early Years
ECE 358 – Language Acquisition Development in Early Childhood Education Field-Based Settings
ECE 364 – (TECA 1311 non-advance credit) Survey of Theories Influencing Childhood Development
ECE 366 – Learning Environments
ECE 460 – Early Childhood Curriculum
ENG 305 – Children’s Literature
ENG 406 – Adolescent Literature
HHPH 211 – First Aid and Safety
HHPH 331 – Nutrition
HHPH 332 – Nutrition in the School and Community
HHPH 362 – Human Diseases
HHPK 324 – Health & Kinesiology for Children
PSY 300 – Learning Processes and Development
PSY 319 – Child Growth and Development
PSY 321 – Psychology of Adolescence
PSY 322 – Understanding Human Development
PSY 443 – Psychology of Death and Dying
SOC 316 – Courtship, Mate Selection, Marriage and Family Patterns
SOC 317 – Contemporary Issues in Marriage and Family
SPED 346 – Introduction to Exceptional Children
SWK 361 – Issues in Family Treatment
SWK 362 – Child Welfare

Global and Multicultural Issues

The Global and Multicultural Issues concentration emphasizes the diverse ways of looking at world cultures today. Its courses reflect the varying ways we understand communal and individual identity through the lens of race, ethnicity, gender, economics, politics, and culture, both in the United States and abroad. Students in this concentration are not only encouraged to enroll in courses that approach scholarship in a global context, but are also provided with an opportunity to apply that knowledge in a hands-on manner through practicum and field studies. Courses for this concentration include:

AG 392 – Applied Ethics: U.S. and World Agriculture
ANTH 114 – World Cultures
ANTH 450 – Gender in Cross Cultural Perspective
ART 405 – History of Modern Art

Global and Multicultural Issues (cont.)

BAAS 345 – Organizational Leadership
BAAS 409 – Global Technology and Society
ENG 202 – Multi-Ethnic American Literature
ENG 323 – Mythology
ENG 355 – Women Writers
ENG 432 – History and Aesthetics of Film
ENG 444 – African American Literature
HIST 303 – Historical Geography
HIST 360 – Themes in World History (topics vary)
HIST 365 – History of Modern East Asia
HIST 497 – Great Awakening
PSCI 333 – Non-European Politics
PSCI 438 – International Relations
PSCI 488 – Contemporary Ideas (topics vary)
SOC 310 – Psychology and Sociology of Diverse Populations
SOC 335 – Global Social Issues
SOC 370 – Minority Groups

Popular Culture Studies

Popular Culture Studies focuses on the many ways in which mass culture and media both reflect and inform our daily lives. The courses that make up this interdisciplinary concentration examine the ways we work, define leisure, and become consumers. They cover a wide variety of topics such as movies, television, sports, music, comics, magazines, museums, folk art, memorabilia and collecting, celebratory events, as well as the cultural ramifications of technology and advertising. Students are encouraged to engage these popular subject matters not only within their personal lives, but in light of cultural and political contexts as well. Courses for this concentration include:

ART 202 – Art, Technology, and Civilization
ART 304 – American Art and Architecture
ART 404 – Contemporary Issues
BAAS 409 – Global Technology and Society
CJ 360 – Mass Media and Crime
ENG 200 – Popular Literature
ENG 406 – Adolescent Literature
ENG 432 – History and Aesthetics of Film
ENG 444 – African American Literature
HIST 264 - A Nation Divided: Anglo-American Rock
JOUR 114 – Mass Communication in Society
JOUR 260 – Advertising Principles
JOUR 335 – Media History
JOUR 445 – Ethics in the Media
MKT 386 – Channels of Distribution
MUS 102 – Jazz; New Orleans to Jazz/Rock
PSCI 488 – Contemporary Ideas
SPC 418 – Communication and Social Change

Ways of Seeing and Knowing

The Ways of Seeing and Knowing concentration is designed to enable the individual to look upon the world from multiple perspectives so as to appreciate its richness and diversity. We may be limited to our own two eyes in perceiving the world (our egocentric predicament), but by exploring ways of seeing and knowing, we can break out of our culturally-determined egocentric, ethnocentric and aristocentric limitations to understand and appreciate the world in all its complexity. Courses for this concentration include:

ART 200 – History of Art I
ART 301 – History of Art II
ART 307 – Art in Context I
ART 404 – Contemporary Issues
ART 405 – History of Modern Art
BAAS 345 – Organizational Leadership
BAAS 350 – Knowledge Management
BAAS 444 – Strategies for Decision Making
CJ 488 – Ethics in Criminal Justice
ENG 323 – Mythology
ENG 432 – History and Aesthetics of Film
ENG 474 – World Literature
HIST 253 – Reading and Writing History
MUS 323 – Music History I
MUS 324 – Music History II
PHIL 231 – Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 251 - Logic
PHIL 331 – History of Philosophy (Thales to Renaissance)
PHIL 332 – History of Philosophy (Descartes to Wittgenstein)
PHIL 360 – General Ethics
PHIL 362 – Aesthetics
PHIL 497 – Special Topics
PSCI 330 – Introduction to Political Science
PSCI 345 – Public Opinion
PSCI 410, 411, 412 – European Political Theory I, II, III
PSCI 414 – American Political Thought (new course, effective 2007-2008)
PSY 131 – Introduction to Psychology
PSY 310 – Psychology and Sociology of Diverse Populations
PSY 317 – Theories of Personality
PSY 327 – Social Cognition
PSY 350 – Cognition and Learning
PSY 443 – Death and Dying