

LIBERAL STUDIES B.A.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will articulate their mission as a teacher in the context of their Christian faith through written and verbal modes of expression including reflective essays, a Christian faith integration paper, and class discussions.
2. Students will demonstrate understanding of the various philosophies of education and be able to articulate their own personal philosophies in integrative papers and class discussions.
3. Students will apply their knowledge of cultural diversity through fieldwork, oral presentations, and writing projects.
4. Students will demonstrate their use of information literacy to support student learning by applying technology skills to collaborative online writing projects and objective exams.
5. Students will apply their understanding of the state teaching profession standards by completing field experience observations and writing assignments.
6. Students will apply their working knowledge of the foundations of the teaching profession through field experience.

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
	Core Curriculum Requirements (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/) ¹	43
	Liberal Studies Core Major Requirements	67
	Emphasis Requirements	12
	Total Units	122

Liberal Studies Major Requirements

The Liberal Studies program outlined below incorporates current core curriculum courses as well as additional content specific courses to meet the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) expectations for a Liberal Studies major.

Code	Title	Units
EDUC-100	Introduction to Education	3
EDUC-220C	Researched Writing for Liberal Studies Majors ^{2,3}	3
EDUC-250	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
EDUC-315	Teaching in a Multicultural Setting	3
EDUC-326	Child and Adolescent Development	3
EDUC-330	Integrating Technology in Classroom Teaching	3
EDUC-499C	Senior Capstone in Liberal Studies	3
	Total Units	21

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Number of units required from the Core Curriculum not included in the major requirements below.

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EDUC-220C Researched Writing for Liberal Studies Majors satisfies one Core Curriculum English requirement.

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Required for the CSET Waiver

Electives

Code	Title	Units
	Select six units from the following 3-unit courses:	6
EDUC-342	Language Acquisition in Linguistically Diverse Classrooms	
EDUC-344	Psychological Foundations of Education	
EDUC-346	Introduction to Special Education	
	Total Units	6

Non-Liberal Studies Department Requirements

Code	Title	Units
	Visual and Performing Arts (a minimum of 10 units)	
ART-330	Art Techniques for Teachers	3
EDUC/THEA-213	Foundations of Dance for Elementary Teachers	1
EDUC/THEA-242	Pedagogy/Practice in Theatre for Youth	3
MUSC-337B	Music for Elementary Schools-Non-Majors	3
	English/Social Science/Human Development (a minimum of 12 units)	
ENGL-340	Children's Literature	3
EDUC-356	Curriculum Methods in Elementary School Social Studies	1
KINE-435	Physical Ed for Elem Schools	3
MATH-120	Math for Elementary Teachers	3
	Science – 3 labs required (a minimum of 12 units) ¹	
BIOL-100C & 100CL	Fundamentals of Biology for Non-Majors and Fundamentals/Biology for Non-Majors Lab	4
PSCI-215C & 215CL	Fundamentals of Earth Science and Fundamentals of Earth Science Lab	4
	or ENVR-205C & 205CL	
	Introduction to Geology and Introduction to Geology Laboratory	
PSCI-216C & 216CL	Fundamentals of Physical Science and Fundamentals of Physical Science Lab	4
	Additional Courses Required for Credentialing	
ENGL-453	Language, Culture, and Linguistics	3
HIST-156C	U.S. History	3
POLS-155C	American Democracy	3
	Total Units	40

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Satisfies Core Curriculum Science requirement

Emphasis

Code	Title	Units
	A minimum of 12 units	12
	Total Units	12

Students must choose an emphasis from one of the following areas: Biological Science, Communication, English Literature, Early Childhood,

English Writing, History and Political Science, Kinesiology (PE), Mathematics, Music, Physical Science, Psychology, Sociology, Special Education, and Theatre Arts. As a capstone experience to the emphasis, each senior Liberal Studies student will participate in a portfolio/ performance/ demonstration assessment. Contact the Liberal Studies Department for details.

Four Year Plan

Disclaimer: This *sample Four Year Plan* is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a bachelor's degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the Department of Liberal Studies.

Study Abroad Participation: Students interested in participating in the university's Study Abroad programs are encouraged to reach out to the Global Education and Outreach Office (studyabroad@vanguard.edu) for more information and collaboration in their academic course planning. Students using Education and Training Benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are encouraged to also reach out to the School Certifying Official (veteranscertifyingofficial@vanguard.edu) for more information regarding how benefits can be applied.

Course	Title	Units
Year 1 Term 1		
CORE-100C	Cornerstone	1
ENGL-120C	Persuasive Writing	3
MATH-115C	Applied Mathematics and Personal Finance	3
NT-101C	New Testament Survey	3
EDUC-100	Introduction to Education	3
SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Reqmt	3
Units		16
Year 1 Term 2		
BIOL-100C	Fundamentals of Biology for Non-Majors	3
BIOL-100CL	Fundamentals/Biology for Non-Majors Lab	1
THEO-PLHD	Theology Core Requirement	3
SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Reqmt	3
KINE-148C	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Lecture	3
HIST-156C	U.S. History	3
Units		16
Year 2 Term 1		
MATH-120	Math for Elementary Teachers	3
EDUC-SCIPLH	ENVR or PSCI Lecture/Lab	4
FINA-PLCR	Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement	3
OT-201C	Old Testament Survey	3
EDUC-213	Foundations of Dance for Elementary Teachers	1

EDUC-220C	Researched Writing for Liberal Studies Majors	3
Units		17
Year 2 Term 2		
POLS-155C	American Democracy	3
COMM-201C	Speech Composition and Presentation	3
PSCI-216C	Fundamentals of Physical Science	3
PSCI-216CL	Fundamentals of Physical Science Lab	1
EDUC-242	Pedagogy/Practice in Theatre for Youth	3
HIST-PLCR2	History Core Requirement (World Civ)	3
Units		16
Year 3 Term 1		
ENGL-230C	Literature and the Human Experience	3
THEO-300C	Developing a Christian World View	3
EDUC-250	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3
EDUC-315	Teaching in a Multicultural Setting	3
EDUC-326	Child and Adolescent Development	3
Units		15
Year 3 Term 3		
ART-330	Art Techniques for Teachers	3
MUSC-337B	Music for Elementary Schools-Non-Majors	3
ENGL-340	Children's Literature	3
EDUC-330	Integrating Technology in Classroom Teaching	3
EDUC-PLPR3	Liberal Studies Program Requirement	3
Units		15
Year 4 Term 1		
EDUC-356	Curriculum Methods in Elementary School Social Studies	1
CHIS-400C	Christian Heritage	3
EDUC-PLPR3	Liberal Studies Program Requirement	3
EDUC-PLHD6	Lib Stud Emphasis Elct 6 Units	6
Units		13
Year 4 Term 2		
KINE-435	Physical Ed for Elem Schools	3
ENGL-453	Language, Culture, and Linguistics	3
EDUC-499C	Senior Capstone in Liberal Studies	3
EDUC-PLHD3	Lib Stud Emphasis Elct 3 Units	3
Units		12
Total Units		120

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CBEST Waiver Courses/ESM Waiver Courses (authorized by completion of qualifying coursework/CA Law, July 2021) include: ENGL-120C Persuasive Writing ; MATH-115C Applied Mathematics and Personal Finance; MATH-120 Math for Elementary Teachers; ENGL-230C Literature and the Human Experience; EDUC-220C Researched Writing for Liberal Studies Majors; ENGL-340 Children's Literature.

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YEAR ONE TERM ONE :: Provisional Standing Students will take CORE-101C College Success Strategies instead of CORE-100C.



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YEAR TWO TERM TWO :: POLS-155C American Democracy satisfies a Graduate Education program requirement.

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YEAR FOUR TERM TWO :: ENGL-453 Language, Culture, and Linguistics satisfies a graduate education program requirement. EDUC-499C Senior Capstone in Liberal Studies must be taken in the fourth year.