

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	70
	General Elective Requirements	7
Total Units		120

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-327	Child, Family and Community	3
EDUC-330	Integrating Technology in Classroom Teaching	3
EDUC-344	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EDUC-346	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDUC-385 or EDUC-305	Field Research Lab/Seminar Tutoring in an Urban Setting	3
EDUC-499C	Senior Capstone in Liberal Studies	3
Total Units		33

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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

Non-Liberal Studies Department Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Visual and Performing Arts (a minimum of 10 units)		
EDUC/THEA-213	Foundations of Dance for Elementary Teachers	1
EDUC/THEA-242	Pedagogy/Practice in Theatre for Youth	3
EDUC-328	Integrating Teaching Strategies of Creative Arts in K-12 Education	3
MUSC-337B	Music for Elementary Schools (Non-Majors)	3
English/Social Science/Human Development (a minimum of 10 units)		
ENGL-340	Children's Literature	3
EDUC-356	Curriculum Methods in Elementary School Social Studies	1
EDUC-324	Physical and Health Education for K-8 Educators	3
EDUC-121	Teaching Math Concepts for K-8 Educators	3
Science – 2 labs required (a minimum of 8 units) ¹		
BIOL-100C & 100CL	Fundamentals of Biology for Non-Majors and Fundamentals/Biology for Non-Majors Lab	4
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		37

Electives Requirement

Students must choose to complete 7 additional units of electives recommended in the following areas: Biological Science, English Literature, Early Childhood, English Writing, History and Political Science, Music, Psychology, Sociology, Special Education, and Theatre Arts.

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Satisfies Core Curriculum Science requirement

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
KINE-148C	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Lecture	3
MATH-115C	Applied Mathematics and Personal Finance	3
NT-101C	New Testament Survey	3
EDUC-100	Introduction to Education	3
Units		16
Year 1 Term 2		
ANTH-102C	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
PSYC-103C	Introduction to Psychology	3
HIST-156C	U.S. History	3
BIOL-100C	Fundamentals of Biology for Non-Majors	3
BIOL-100CL	Fundamentals/Biology for Non-Majors Lab	1
THEO-101C	Foundations of Christian Life	3
Units		16
Year 2 Term 1		
EDUC-121	Teaching Math Concepts for K-8 Educators	3
ENGL-230C	Literature and the Human Experience	3
FINA-PLCR	Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement	3
OT-201C	Old Testament Survey	3
EDUC-220C	Researched Writing for Liberal Studies Majors	3
Units		15
Year 2 Term 2		
POLS-155C	American Democracy	3
COMM-201C	Speech Composition and Presentation	3
HIST-PLCR2	History Core Requirement (World Civ)	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
Units		16
Year 3 Term 1		
EDUC-326	Child and Adolescent Development	3
EDUC-213	Foundations of Dance for Elementary Teachers	1
THEO-300C	Developing a Christian World View	3
EDUC-250	Intro to Early Childhood Education	3

EDUC-315	Teaching in a Multicultural Setting	3
Units		13
Year 3 Term 3		
EDUC-328	Integrating Teaching Strategies of Creative Arts in K-12 Education	3
EDUC-327	Child, Family and Community	3
MUSC-337B	Music for Elementary Schools (Non-Majors)	3
ENGL-340	Children's Literature	3
EDUC-330	Integrating Technology in Classroom Teaching	3
Units		15
Year 4 Term 1		
EDUC-356	Curriculum Methods in Elementary School Social Studies	1
CHIS-400C	Christian Heritage	3
EDUC-346	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDUC-344	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
ELCT-PLHD5	Electives 5 Units	5
Units		15
Year 4 Term 2		
EDUC-324	Physical and Health Education for K-8 Educators	3
ENGL-453	Language, Culture, and Linguistics	3
EDUC-499C	Senior Capstone in Liberal Studies	3
ELCT-PLHD3A	General Elective 3 Units	3
EDUC-PLHDFPR	Field Practicum/Research 3 units	3
Units		15
Total Units		121

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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.

