



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON  
DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

**INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMATIC PLAN**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Interdisciplinary Thematic Plan of the Liberal Studies major is constituted by the Core Courses (27 units), the Personalized Coordinated Program (21 units), and the Senior Project (3 units).

**CORE COURSES:** The Core Courses form a well-integrated sequence that teaches you the most important knowledge in the three areas of Liberal Studies: humanities and arts, natural sciences, and social sciences.

Be sure to take LBST 300 (Introduction to Liberal Studies) and LBST 302A (Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies) during your first semester in the major. You must complete these courses before taking LBST 302B (the second part of Historical Dimension of Liberal Studies) in your second semester. You should also take LBST 301 (Inquiry and Composition in Liberal Studies) during your first or second semester.

LBST 301 and LBST 302B are prerequisites for the third semester courses: LBST 303, 304 and 305. You must complete LBST 304 **and** either LBST 303 or LBST 305 before taking PHIL/LBST 401.

**PERSONALIZED COORDINATED PROGRAM:** The Personalized Coordinated Program consists of upper-division coursework directed toward an interdisciplinary problem, theme, or issue, chosen by the student in close coordination with a faculty advisor from Liberal Studies. To promote an interdisciplinary approach, students must take no more than 9 units of coursework from a single department and no more than 15 units from one of the three Liberal Studies areas: humanities and arts, natural sciences, and social sciences.

Each semester, starting in your junior year, proceed through the sequence of Core Courses and fill in the remainder of your class schedule from your Personalized Coordinated Program, which requires approval by a Liberal Studies advisor. To make an appointment, contact the Department of Liberal Studies by coming to its office in Humanities 214 or calling (657) 278-2794. Several samples of actual Personalized Coordinated Programs are available on the website of the Department of Liberal Studies at [http://hss.fullerton.edu/liberal/thematic\\_plan\\_examples.asp](http://hss.fullerton.edu/liberal/thematic_plan_examples.asp).

**SENIOR PROJECT:** To integrate the knowledge gained from their coursework, students complete the program with a Senior Project, such as a thesis or creative work, whose topic relates to the theme of their Personalized Coordinated Program. The Senior Project is supervised by a professor of the student's choosing from any CSUF department. To receive credit for their project, students must enroll in 3 units of Independent Study (499) with their project supervisor in his/her department. In the semester prior to enrollment in 499, students are required to submit a Senior Project Proposal, which must be approved by their project supervisor and by the student's Liberal Studies advisor. Students are further required to attend a Senior Project Workshop (lasting one-and-a-half hours) in the semester prior to enrollment in 499 and to give a satisfactory presentation of their work at a Senior Project Workshop during the semester of their enrollment in 499.

**GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) COURSES:** Should you need to take GE courses after having decided to major in Liberal Studies, you are urged to consult with a Liberal Studies advisor before enrolling in any courses. To make an appointment, contact the Department of Liberal Studies by coming to the office in Humanities 214 or calling (657) 278-2794.

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Regularly check the Liberal Studies website at <http://hss.fullerton.edu/liberal> for updates and class scheduling announcements.