LIBERAL STUDIES, B.A.

Degree Requirements (120 hours)
The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BLS) is designed for students who want to pursue liberal studies without a major in a single discipline.

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**Founding Documents Requirement**

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/).

**1. Carolina Core Requirements (32-44 hours)**

**CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)**

*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*

- ENGL 101
- ENGL 102

**ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-8 hours)**

- any CC-ARP courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

**SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)**

- any CC-SCI courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/), must include two labs

**GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)**

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.

- CC-GFL courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

**2. College Requirements (9-12 hours)**

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<td>PHIL 102</td>
<td>Introduction to Philosophy</td>
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Select Foreign Language course (only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency) 0-3

Select Arts and Sciences Electives (Must include two disciplines) 6

**Total Credit Hours 9-12**

**3. Program Requirements (28-43 hours)**

**Cognate (12 hours)**

*Must be passed with a grade of C or higher*

The cognate cannot be a discipline included in the student’s major option. No more than six hours of transfer work maybe applied to the cognate.
A minimum of 12 hours of course work at the 300 level or above from one of the following disciplines:

- Anthropology
- Art
- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Dance
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Geography
- History
- Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Physical and/or Biological Sciences
- Religious Studies
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Theatre

1 Courses designated as fulfilling the Native American Studies option will be listed on the BA in Liberal Studies program website.

Electives (16-31 hours)

4. Major Requirements (36 hours)

A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

Major Courses (9 hours)

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<td>PALM 494</td>
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<td>or PALM 495</td>
<td>Service-Learning</td>
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<td>PALM 401</td>
<td>Palmetto Senior Capstone Experience</td>
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Total Credit Hours 9

Major Electives (27 hours)

The student’s major will be chosen from two of the disciplines below.

All courses must be at the upper level with at least 15 hours at the 400-level or above, with the exception of Sociology, in which the following 300-level courses may be substituted for 400-level courses: SOCY 304, SOCY 305, SOCY 312, SOCY 320, SOCY 323, SOCY 340. All grades must be C or better. A minimum of 12 hours is required in each of the two disciplines. At least 15 hours must be USC courses. No more than 12 hours of the major will be accepted in transfer.

- Anthropology
- Art
- Astronomy

- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Geological Studies
- Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
- History
- Languages
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Theatre

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