

# LIBERAL STUDIES, B.A.

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## Overview of the BLS

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies Program (BLS) is only available to students on USC's regional campuses or online through Palmetto College. It is designed to provide access to upper-level study in a range of liberal arts disciplines, fostering the abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, solve problems, and interpret human experience. Goals of this program are to enhance students' intellectual and creative capacities and broaden their historical, ethical, social, and international perspectives while allowing them some flexibility in designing the upper-level curricula based on previous studies and employment objectives.

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate the ability to initiate independent, interdisciplinary inquiry and the ability to apply critical thinking to interdisciplinary problems.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of South Carolina from historical as well as contemporary political, cultural, economic, and social perspectives in papers, assignments and other student writing.
- Students will be educated and participatory citizens of South Carolina and explain how their academic training has prepared them to be active state citizens.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to apply classroom learning to real-world experience in the public or private sector.