Liberal Arts, BA

Department: Liberal Arts Program
College: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

The liberal arts program helps students gain a basic understanding of the development of civilization, historical and cultural traditions, political institutions and processes, and develop an appreciation of fine arts and literature. Because it covers such a broad base, it develops the student's rational thought and intellectual capabilities in many areas.

Students are able to plan a multi-disciplinary academic program, focusing primarily on subjects in social science, humanities, and the arts. Students in the liberal arts major are strongly encouraged, but not required, to seek out second majors, strong minors, or area studies certificates, which provide knowledge and prerequisite skills for further education or increase opportunities for employment.

Students graduating with a degree in liberal arts are highly desired by employers in a number of areas. By completing a degree through this program, students show they are trainable, fast learners, motivated, flexible, and willing to take on new ideas and concepts. Because students also study a foreign language, they develop marketable language and communication skills, which are sought after by many employers.

Distance Education

The BA in liberal arts is available through USU's Regional Campuses and Distance Education program.

Career Options

Many students who graduate in liberal arts continue on to higher education programs in a variety of areas, including medicine, law, dentistry, business, humanities, and social sciences. Because liberal arts majors develop strong skills in communication, critical thinking, and are flexible and adaptable learners, they can also pursue a wide range of careers upon graduation with a bachelor's degree.

Career Services provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

In addition to Utah State University's admissions requirements, the liberal arts program has additional requirements:

- **Freshman:** New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission to this major.
- **Transfer Students:** Transfer students from other institutions or students transferring from other USU majors need a 2.3 total GPA for admission to this major.

International students have additional admissions requirements.

Major Requirements

Click here to see course requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts**.

Contact

Advising

All new USU students participate in a New Student Orientation program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

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Get Involved

Labs, Centers, Research

With the second oldest undergraduate research program in the nation, USU offers students a wide range of opportunities to gain hands-on research experience. The Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities program allows students to apply for grants and receive funding. USU's Honors Program prepares students for excellent graduate programs by helping them build relationships with professors, participate in research projects, take smaller, more intensive classes, and develop leadership skills.