

Liberal Arts and Sciences Major

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The Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) Major offers a broad and challenging course of study in the humanities, sciences, arts, and social sciences. Through a multi-disciplinary but coherent approach to learning, the program meets the needs of students majoring in professional fields, as well as those desiring a general background for adaptability and mobility in employment. LAS offers USU students the training required to be competitive and to contribute effectively in the organizations, professions, and communities of the twenty-first century.

This major allows the student to develop an individualized curriculum in consultation with the program advisor (Student Center 302). This major requires a 2.3 overall GPA for admission and graduation.

Although the emphasis of this major is in the humanities, arts, and social sciences, the student is encouraged to seek out other educational interests as part of an academic program. The following credit distribution will be typical of most students:

University Studies (30 credits)

Foreign Language (2 years)

The focus of study for the Liberal Arts and Sciences major is to help students gain a basic understanding of the development of civilization, including historical and cultural traditions, political institutions and processes, an appreciation of arts and literature, and expanded capacities for critical thought. Four learning goals are identified, each requiring a minimum of 9 credits, for a total of 36 credits.

Students plan a multi-disciplinary academic program providing a focus for study, with emphasis in primarily social sciences, humanities, and arts.

Pre-professional and Elective Credits

Depending on a student's career objectives, a student may take courses leading to further study in medicine, law, business, or other graduate programs, or continue to study in a number of different disciplines.

Liberal Arts and Sciences Courses (LAS)

LAS 2020 (CI). Pathways to Thinking. *Communications Intensive* version of the "Pathways" course. Like its cousin, LAS 2120, it offers students intellectual tools to enhance their involvement as informed citizens of the human community. Specifically, it offers ways to explore different fields by comparing their perspectives on special topics of the instructor's choice. This particular "Pathways" version asks students to think about different fields, partly through writing. Also emphasizes reading, discussing, and listening. Prerequisite: Engl 2010. (3 cr)

LAS 2120 (QI). Pathways to Reasoning. *Quantitative Intensive* version of the "Pathways" course. Like its cousin, LAS 2020, it offers students intellectual tools to enhance their involvement as informed citizens of the human community. Specifically, it offers ways to explore different fields by comparing their perspectives on special topics of the instructor's choice. This particular "Pathways" version asks students to think about different fields, partly through numbers and data. Prerequisite: Math 1030 or Stat 1040. (3 cr)

LAS 4900. Independent Study/Workshop. Independent, interdisciplinary study resulting in an original work. After obtaining permission from a Liberal Arts and Sciences advisor to take this course under the supervision of a particular instructor, the student must also obtain the instructor's permission. (1-3 cr) (F,Sp,Su) ®