What will I study in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies?

The **Bachelor of Liberal Studies** is designed for working professionals and lifelong learners who want the freedom to tailor their education to their goals. All courses are online and asynchronous, offering a flexible path to a versatile, career-ready degree. Many courses span an 8-week period, while others are full semester for added flexibility.

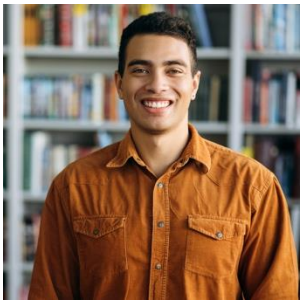
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REQUIRED CORE COURSES

Core courses emphasize communication, critical thinking, cultural competency, data analysis, and leadership—skills that employers actively look for 44 required hours, including 29 advanced hours.

- **The AI Revolution** (PHIL 442)
- **Business & Professional Communication** (CMN 211)
- **Data & Society** (ADV 120)
- **Everyday Economics for Non-Majors** (ECON 300)
- **Global Business Communication** (BTW 380)
- **Interpersonal Intelligence for Professional Success** (LEAD 440)
- **Leading Professional Organizations & Communities** (LEAD 470)
- **Management and Organizational Behavior** (BADM 310)
- **Mass Media & the Audience** (CMN 326)
- **Multilingual Cities in Europe** (GER 455)
- **Personal Financial Planning** (ACE 240)
- **Race & Cultural Diversity** (EPOL 310)
- **Sales and the Consumer** (ADV 370)
- **Statistics** (STAT 100)
- **U.S. Racial and Ethnic Politics** (PS 201)
- **Onboarding course for all BLS Learners** (LAS 103)









CONCENTRATIONS

Dig deeper into topics that align with your goals by choosing a concentration. Each concentration requires **14-15 credit hours**.

Global Perspectives

- **Global Health: Policy & Governance** (GLBL 340)
- **Global History of Intelligence** (HIST 311)
- **Impacts of Globalization** (SOC 364)
- **Multimedia Environmental Communications** (ESE 467)
- **Water Planet, Water Crisis** (ESE 320)

Heath & Society

- **Bioinspiration** (IB 411)
- **Disability in American Society** (HK 302)
- **Evolution and Human Disease** (ANTH 249)
- **Global Health: Interventions & Evaluations** (GLBL 440)
- **Global Health: Policy & Governance** (GLBL 340)

Management Studies

- **Diversity in the Workplace** (EPOL 474)
- **Into to Org Communication** (CMN 212)
- **Workers, Unions and Politics** (LER 300)
- *Choose 2 courses from* **Leading Teams** (LEAD 425), **Human-Centered Management** (LEAD 427), **Sales Management** (ADV 320)



SUPPORTING COURSEWORK

Round out your degree with general education courses, electives, or undergraduate certificates that enhance your interests and career goals. All coursework is fully online and asynchronous, with standard transfer substitutions accepted.

QUESTIONS?

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