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Liberal Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Why Should I Major in Liberal Studies at Seton Hall?

Leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree, the Liberal Studies Program located in the Ruth Sharkey Academic Resource Center at Seton Hall University, provides a broader-oriented education than could be gained by a concentration in one of the usual “majors” of the College of Arts and Sciences. Aristotle suggested that the highest act of the intellect is simply to possess knowledge. That is a goal in what is called the “speculative order.” However, the Liberal Studies Program also has value in the “practical order.” Liberal studies graduates should be able to analyze what they read, to write incisive reports, to speak fluently to various audiences and, finally, to appreciate “art” in its various forms. This education will be a foundation for their intellectual life.

The Curriculum:

The Liberal Studies Program offers a two-track curriculum. Each track establishes a solid foundation of knowledge in many of the disciplines taught by the College of Arts and Sciences’ various departments. For each track, students must complete the core requirements of the College. Track I students take an 18-credit minor, 21 credits from various creative arts and English courses, and four additional College of Arts and Sciences courses. Track II demands two minors consisting of 18 credits each, plus one English course and a senior seminar. After these requirements are met, students must take sufficient electives to satisfy minimum graduation requirements of 130 credits.

What Does It Take to Graduate?

To earn a bachelor’s degree, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0. They must also maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA by the time they have completed one of the liberal studies tracks.

Career Opportunities:

The Liberal Studies Program sets a foundation for a teaching career in many humanistic areas. It also has value for any profession in which information must be analyzed and summary reports written, e.g., insurance, journalism, government organizations and for professions that require a combination of logical thinking and fluent speech, such as law and marketing.

Because of the flexibility of the major, students have the opportunity to tailor the curriculum toward specific subjects and select electives that would help them to pursue various types of Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees. A bachelor’s degree in liberal studies is an excellent foundation for graduate school.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

Complete your application to Seton Hall University and include the \$55 non-refundable application fee (\$45 if applying online). Freshman applicants must submit official high school transcripts and any college or university transcripts where credit was attempted, plus the results of the SAT I or ACT assessments. Transfer students must submit transcripts from each college or university where credit was attempted. Those with fewer than 24 earned credits must complete the freshman requirements. Applications are available at admissions.shu.edu.

Can I Get Financial Aid?

Almost 90 percent of the students who entered Seton Hall last year received some form of financial aid, and 75 percent of these students received money directly from the University. The four types of financial aid include scholarships, grants and discounts, loans, and part-time jobs on campus. For further information, visit admissions.shu.edu/FinancialAid.htm or call (973) 761-9332.

Liberal Studies Requirements:

Core Curriculum Requirements*

- A. English Language (6 credits)
- B. Communication (3 credits)
- C. Mathematics (3 credits and prerequisites)
- D. Natural Sciences (6 credits) and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- E. Western Civilization (6 credits), Foreign Language (6 credits) and American Civilization/African, Asian and Latino Civilizations/Foreign Literature/Advanced Language (6 credits)
- F. Ethical Questions (3 credits)
- G. Philosophy and Religious Studies (9 credits)

* Please see Undergraduate Catalogue

Liberal Studies Major

Track I (39 hours including)

Completion of a minor (minimum 18 credits) in one of the following disciplines:

Advertising Art	Fine Arts
Africana and Diaspora Studies	French
Anthropology	German
Applied Music	History
Archaeology	Italian
Art History	Latin
Asian Studies	Music History
Classical Studies	Philosophy
Communication	Religious Studies
English	Russian
	Spanish

Completion of four additional courses (12 credits) from the disciplines listed above, but not required for the core curriculum or the selected minor.

Completion of two creative arts courses (6 credits)

One English course (3 credits) from the following: ENGL2511, ENGL2514, ENGL2515, ENGL3511.

Track II (42+ credits, including)

Completion of two minors (minimum 18 credits each), at least one from the following disciplines:

Art History
Classical Studies
English
History
Languages (Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish)
Music History
Philosophy
Religious Studies

And one from the following disciplines:

Africana and Diaspora Studies
Anthropology
Applied Art
Applied Music
Archaeology
Asian Studies
Catholic Studies
Communication
Environmental Studies
Women's Studies
Others with adviser/departmental approval
Completion of one English course (3 credits) from the following: ENGL 2514, ENGL 2515, ENGL 3511.
Completion of IDIS 5001 Senior Seminar in Liberal Studies (3 credits).

Degree Requirements: 130 total credit hours

Students can minor or double major in any of the College of Arts and Sciences disciplines.

For more information, call an admissions counselor at **1-800-THE-HALL**, send an e-mail to thehall@shu.edu or visit admissions.shu.edu.

To talk to a faculty adviser, contact William Smith, Ph.D., director of the Liberal Studies Program, at smithwia@shu.edu or (973) 761-9488 or (973) 275-2354.