

## LIBERAL STUDIES

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### Programs Offered:

- Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies
  - Border Studies Option (BRS)
  - Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Option (ESM)
  - Integrated Credential Program Option (ICP)
  - Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Certificate\*

\* See page 145 for more information on the Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Certificate.

### Programs Description:

The programs offered under the heading of Liberal Studies emphasize the utility and value of broad intellectual development combined with practical training as key to a liberal arts education. Students are prepared to understand interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary connections and appreciate the cross-fertilization of concepts, methods, and values in different academic fields. The goal of Liberal Studies programs is to produce graduates who are intellectually well-rounded, and competent in a broad range of skills.

### Program Options:

The Liberal Studies Major is a complete undergraduate program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. The Major has three different Options: all three are suitable for students who start their undergraduate careers at CSUSM, as well as for transfer students; some coursework at California community colleges may be applied to Liberal Studies requirements in all three Options.

The *Border Studies Option (BRS)* within Liberal Studies is a distinct program with its own Lower Division and Upper Division preparation requirements (see below). It offers an interdisciplinary exploration of the communities and territories that emerge in border regions worldwide. The courses that make up the BRS Option systematically examine the human interactions that shape and are shaped by the borders that divide people and places. The curriculum provides an understanding of how border communities are formed and sustained, while students explore the interrelationships of diverse groups across the cultural, geopolitical, linguistic, and social frontiers that exist in border communities.

See below for more information. Students who wish to learn more about the BRS Option should contact the Liberal Studies faculty.

The *Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Option (ESM)* provides focused preparation for entry into post-baccalaureate Multiple Subject teaching credential programs.

The *Integrated Credential Program Option (ICP)* combines undergraduate coursework in the College of Arts and Sciences with the curriculum of the College of Education's fifth-year Multiple Subject teacher credential program/Authorization to Teach English Learners.

The ESM and ICP Options share the same coursework to meet certain first- and second-year (Lower Division) General Education requirements, as well as a number of Upper Division (third- and fourth-year) Breadth of Study requirements. In addition, ESM and ICP students select a Depth of Study module of coursework linked to one of seven subject matter areas (see below).

The ESM and ICP Options both offer excellent curricular pathways to students interested in a career in elementary school teaching. Both are based on state-wide standards for teacher training. Coursework is selected to address the seven core subject matter areas of the K-8 curriculum: Reading, Language & Literature; History & Social Science; Mathematics; Science; Visual & Performing Arts; Human Development; and Physical Education. In addition, students in the ESM and ICP Options choose a Depth of Study module that explores one of these subject matter areas in greater depth.

ESM and ICP students are prepared for the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). The CSET is a test of the future teacher's mastery of the subject matter delivered in K-8 curricula; passing the CSET is a prerequisite for entry into most post-baccalaureate credential programs (including CSUSM's) and is currently required for recommendation of a California credential. The ESM and ICP Options specifically aim to prepare graduates for

entry into the next stages of teacher training, and to ensure that as future teachers they will have a command of the subjects they teach.

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### **Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Certificate**

A different pathway to careers in elementary school teaching is provided by the Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Certificate (ESMPC). This is a "stand-alone" certificate program that can be combined with any major in the College of Arts and Sciences. See page 145 for more information. It can also provide preparation for graduate-level Multiple Subject credential programs.

Like the ESM and ICP Options in the Liberal Studies Major, the ESMPC prescribes a particular pathway through the General Education requirements of the baccalaureate degree; completion of the certificate curriculum ensures the student's preparedness in the subject areas of the K-8 curriculum. The ESMPC is a package of coursework that the student combines with the required curriculum of an undergraduate Major, leading to a Bachelor of Arts's degree. (Students interested in the Certificate should consult their Major advisors; some Majors are less suitable for combination with the Certificate, leading to additional units of study beyond the 120 typically required for the Bachelor of Arts degree.)

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### **Student Learning Outcomes**

The goals of the Liberal Studies program are that all of our graduates

- Learn to engage in reasoned thinking.
- Maintain open, inquiring, and skeptical minds
- Know how to access and evaluate information
- Develop a thirst for continuing education.
- Develop cultural sensitivity and tolerance for cultural differences.
- Acquire environmental awareness.
- Establish a foundation for understanding social issues.
- Take responsibility for their thinking, actions, and impact on the world.

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies will

1. Understand how knowledge can be connected across multiple disciplines;
2. Formulate their own goals for continued learning and inquiry based on a foundation of intellectual curiosity;
3. Understand and appreciate the positive value and essential role of diversity;
4. Think critically and creatively;
5. Write and speak clearly, coherently, and thoughtfully;
6. Read, understand, and evaluate all forms of text; and
7. Be familiar with technologies

appropriate to the research and dissemination of knowledge.

In addition, students in the *BRS Option* will

- Develop a theoretical understanding of borders and border communities;
- Identify key issues and apply appropriate conceptual and operational definitions in the study of border communities and regions;
- Design and implement border research projects using appropriate methodologies.

Students in the *ESM and ICP Options* will

- Acquire a breadth of knowledge across the range of subjects included in the Major: Language Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, History and Social Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, and Health and Physical Education;
- Demonstrate greater depth of knowledge in their selected Depth of Study;

### **Career Opportunities**

*For students in the BRS Option*, the B.A. in Liberal Studies serves as preparation for careers in the public sector, private sector, education and a wide range of other fields, or for post-graduate studies in area studies, geography, linguistics, public policy, urban and regional planning, and other social sciences.

*For students in the ESM and ICP Options*, the B.A. in Liberal Studies may be a first step in becoming a K-8 teacher. Graduates of Liberal Studies programs are well-positioned for entry into CSUSM's Multiple Subject Credential Program. For complete and up-to-date information, please contact the College of Education or visit their web site.

### **Special Conditions for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies**

In all three Options, all courses counted toward the Major, including Preparation for the Major, must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

#### *Special Conditions for BRS Option*

A minimum of eighteen (18) units counted towards the BRS Option must be completed at Cal State San Marcos. No more than six (6) units of independent study and independent research (BRS 498 and BRS 499) may be applied toward the BRS Option.

#### *Special Conditions for ESM and ICP Options*

No course used for Preparation for the Major, Breadth of Study, or Depth of Study may be taken for a grade of Credit/No Credit.

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES**

### **Border Studies Option (BRS)**

#### **Units**

General Education 51

Lower Division Preparation for Option<sup>1</sup> 15

Major Requirements 38-45

Capstone Course 3-5

Students must take a sufficient number of elective units to bring the total number of units to a minimum of 120.

### **Lower Division Preparation for BRS Option**

#### **15 Units**

*Prior to taking any of the Upper Division Core or Upper Division Major Electives, students should successfully complete the following courses.*

GEOG 201 or GEOG 302 3

HIST 131 3

HIST 202 3

PSCI 100 3

*Introduction to Statistics: Select one*

PSYC 220 3

SOC 201 3

### **Upper Division Major Requirements for BRS**

#### **Core Courses 15**

BRS 300 3

GEOG 305 or GEOG 305S 3

GEOG 320 3

ID 340 or ID340B 3

LING 305 3

#### **Research Methods: 3-4 units**

*Select one*

BRS 301, HIST 301, PSCI 301

SOC 360, SOC 361

#### **Electives 20-27 units**

#### **Historical Frames 3 units**

*Select one from the following courses*

*(HIST 344 preferred):*

HIST 344, HIST 347, HIST 346

#### **Social Issues and Political Economy**

5-8 units

*Select two from the following courses:*

ANTH 370, BRS 330, BRS 430, BRS 453,

ECON 325 (prereq ECON 201 and 202),

ECON 426 (prereqs: Math 132 or 160 and ECON

201 or 202), ECON 431 (prereqs: Math 132 or 160

and ECON 201 or 202), ECON 441 (prereq ECON

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<sup>1</sup> Nine (9) units of Lower Division General

Education are automatically satisfied by courses taken in Preparation for the Major.

201 and 202, coreq or prereq MATH 132 or 160)  
 ECON 442 (prereq ECON 201 and 202), ECON  
 443 (prereq ECON 201 and 202, coreq or prereq  
 MATH 132 or 160), ECON 445/PSCI 445/WMST  
 445 , ID 406, PHIL 340, PSCI 331, PSCI 335,  
 PSCI 337, PSCI 338, PSCI 339, PSCI 350,  
 PSCI 355 (prereq PSCI 350), PSCI 361,  
 PSCI 362, PSCI 364A, PSCI 364B, PSCI 365  
 PSCI 396, PSCI 431 (recommended prereq PSCI  
 331), PSCI 449 (one UD comp pol course or  
 consent of instructor), PSCI 450 (recommended  
 prereq PSCI 350), PSCI 460, PSCI 461, PSCI  
 469, PSYC 338, SOC 314, SOC 353, SOC 424,  
 SOC 439, SOC 488

**Cultural Contact** 6-8 units

*Select two from the following courses:*

ANTH 301, ANTH 470, HIST 338A, HIST 338B,  
 HIST 350, LING 341, LING 351 (prereq LING 300  
 or 305), LING 371, LING 451 (prereq LING 351),  
 PSCI 305 , PSCI 392, PSYC 341, PSYC 428  
 (prereq PSYC 100 and 3 units of UD PSYC),  
 SOC 311, SOC 313, SOC 345, SOC 347,  
 SOC 375, SOC 411, SPAN 314D, SPAN 316,  
 TA 323, VSAR 323, WMST 301, WMST 303

**Planning** 6-8 units

*Select two from the following courses:*

BIOL 336 , BIOL 363 (prereqs Biol 210 and 211),  
 BIOL 384 (prereq Biol 211), ECON 411 (prereqs:  
 Math 132 or 160 and ECON 201 or 202),  
 ECON 422 (Prereq ECON 301), ECON 451  
 (prereqs: Math 132 or 160 and ECON 201 or 202),  
 ECON 455 (prereq ECON 301 and 303), HIST339,  
 LBST 307, LBST 375, PSCI 321, PSCI 391, PSCI  
 394, PSCI 397, PSCI 416, PSCI 420, PSCI 434  
 (prereq PSCI 331 or equivalent), SOC 300, SOC  
 331, SOC 339, SOC 420, SOC 433, WMST 330

**BRS Option Capstone Course**  
**3-5 units**

*Select one of the following courses:*

BRS 400, BRS 490, BRS 499<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> If BRS 499 is taken to fulfill the Capstone requirement, it must be taken for 3 units.

## **Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Option (ESM) and Integrated Credential Program Option (ICP)**

### **Units**

Preparation for the Major 42

Depth Requirements 15-17

Breadth Requirements 15

*Liberal Studies Total Units 72 – 73*

Additional GE requirements 12-21

*NOTE: Students in the ESM Option must take a sufficient number of elective units to bring the total number of units to a minimum of 120. Please consult a Liberal Studies Advisor for recommended teacher preparation electives. See below for ICP total number of units.*

## **Lower Division Preparation for ESM and ICP Options**

(42 units + 12 units General Education)

The ESM and ICP Options have the same

Lower Division requirements. These requirements

address the seven core subject matter

areas of the K-8 curriculum. Because of

the considerable curricular breadth

required by the content preparation standards

specified by the state of California, many of

the required Lower Division courses also

meet CSUSM's General Education

requirements. However, because of state

specifications, there are very limited

substitution options in the curriculum.

Courses are clustered around the seven

subject matter areas specified by State

accreditation agencies.

*The courses listed below satisfy the General Education requirements at the time the catalog was printed. Check the Class Schedule for the most up-to-date list of courses satisfying these requirements.*

### **Units**

*History and Social Science (HSS)*

HIST 201 (LDGE C2) 3

HIST 130 (LDGE Dh) 3

GEOG 201 (LDGE D) 3

or GEOG 302

*Mathematics (MATH)*

MATH 210 3

MATH 212 (LDGE B4) 3

*Science (SCI)*

GES 105\* (LDGE B1) 3

GES 102 (LDGE B2 & B3) 3

ES 100 3

*Reading, Language, and Literature (RLL)*

LING 100 3

One of the following: 3

LTWR 100 (LDGE C2)

LTWR 208A (LDGE C2)

LTWR 208B (LDGE C2)

LTWR 210 (LDGE C2)

*Visual & Performing Arts (VPA)*

One of the following: 3

VPA 101 (LDGE C1)

DNCE 101 (LDGE C1)

MUSC 120 (LDGE C1)

TA 120 (LDGE C1)  
VSAR 120 (LDGE C1)  
Any VPA Studio Course\*\* 3

*Human Development (HD)*  
PSYC 210 (LDGE D7) 3

*Physical Education (PE)*  
PE 203 (LDGE E) 3

*Additional GE Requirements*

In addition, students must complete coursework approved to fulfill the following Lower Division General Education requirements:

US and CA government (Dc and Dg) 3  
Oral Communication (LDGE A1) 3  
Written Communication (LDGE A2) 3  
Critical Thinking (LDGE A3) 3  
PHIL 110 recommended  
*Total Additional  
Lower Division Units 12*

*\* Students selecting a Science Depth of Study Module must take CHEM 150 and either PHYS 101 or PHYS 205 instead of GES 105.*

*\*\*Must be taken in a different subject area than the LDGE C1 course. See an advisor for recommended studio courses. Examples include:  
DNCE 201, 301, 320, 390;  
MUSC 302, 390, 391, 392, 394, 395, 480; TA 301, 401, 480, 489; VPA 321;  
VSAR 301, 302, 303, 480*

**Depth of Study Requirement: ESM and ICP Options**

(15-17 units)

All ESM and ICP students must fulfill the Depth of Study requirement by selecting and completing a 15-17 unit module of coursework clustered around one of the six K-8 subject areas. Various modules are developed and offered by faculty in related academic fields. Each module is designed to provide the student with a more focused and sustained study of a particular subject matter area. Depth of Study allows students to gain appreciation of the full development of a given academic field, from basic concepts and methods to more advanced applications and theoretical horizons. Prospective teachers may select a module in a given subject area in order to develop a particular classroom specialty, or just to pursue an intellectual or creative interest. Each module includes an overall assessment of the student's grasp of the field as a final graduation requirement.

Depth of Study coursework may also be applied toward completion of a Minor. (An official declaration of the Minor must be filed with Registration and Records.)

The following Depth of Study modules are available for ESM and ICP students. Complete descriptions, including current course requirements, are available from the Liberal Studies advisors and are posted on the Liberal Studies web-site.

**SCIENCE (SCI)**

Biology and Chemistry\*

Biology and Physics\*

Chemistry and Physics\*

*\*These modules require a different pathway through the Lower Division ESM science courses.*

*Consult a Liberal Studies Advisor for details.*

**MATHEMATICS (MATH)**

Linear Equations

Math Methods

Modeling Chance Events

Multi-Variate Calculus

Rates of Change

**READING, LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (RLL)**

Literature and Writing

Linguistics

**HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE**

(HSS)

Anthropology

Border Studies

History

**VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

(VPA)

Arts and Education

Arts and Technology

Music

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (HD)**

Psychology

Sociology

**Breadth of Study Requirement: ESM Option**

(Upper Division: 15 units)

Courses must be taken in the following areas in order to fulfill the Breadth of Study requirement for the ESM Option. In some areas, only a single course can fulfill this requirement; in others, a variety of courses may be suitable. Additional courses may be approved to satisfy these requirements.\*

*Mathematics*

MATH 311 3

*Linguistics*

LING 300 3

*California History*

HIST 347 3

*Interdisciplinary Studies*

One from the following list\* 3

ANTH 301, 325, 370, 470, BRS 300,

GEOG 305, 305S, 320, 325, 340G,

ID 301, 304, 305, 306, 350, 410

LBST 301, 307, 361, 362, 375

LING 304, 305, 341, 371, 381

TA 323, 325, VSAR 323, WMST 424

*Multicultural Studies*

One of the following\*: 3

ID 340, SOC 311, SOC 313, WMST 301

*Total Breadth of Study Units 15*

*\* See LBST advisors or Liberal Studies web site for updated lists.*

In addition, students must take courses that fulfill the following Upper Division General Education requirements, unless already fulfilled by a course taken to satisfy the Liberal Studies degree:

*Area BB 3*

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

*Area CC 3*

Humanities and the Arts

A Literature and Writing Studies

course is recommended.

*Area DD*

Social Sciences 3

**Integrated Credential Program Option (ICP)**

Lower Division 54-57

Upper Division and COE Prerequisite

Courses 42-46

Post-baccalaureate 39

*The minimum number of units required for this degree is 138-139*

The ICP Option\* in the Liberal Studies

Major is a highly structured program with courses taught by faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) and the College of Education (COE).

It is an Upper Division curricular pathway that includes Elementary Subject Matter (ESM) preparation, all General Education requirements, the Breadth of Study requirements, the Depth of Study requirement, COE prerequisite courses, and COE Multiple Subject credential program requirements. ICP students complete a baccalaureate degree (BA in Liberal Studies) concurrently with a Multiple Subject credential.

*\*The ICP meets SB 2042 teacher preparation requirements and conforms to the CSU Academic Senate framework for Integrated Teacher Preparation Program (AS 2622-03/AA/TEKR).*

The Lower Division requirements are the same as those for the ESM Option.

The Upper Division requirements and credential program semesters are sequenced: there is a prerequisite semester around the theme of "School and a Multicultural Society," followed by five more semesters, each with its own theme: Language, Culture and Learning; Mathematics; Science; Community; and Professional Practice. Every semester, students take COAS courses to expand their knowledge of a basic subject area in the K-8 curriculum and to fulfill the Depth of

Study requirements. Simultaneously, every semester, they take COE courses focused on appropriate teaching methods for that area.

As students advance through the program, they learn to combine their mastery of subject-matter content with appropriate classroom teaching methods. Thus, the program allows the student to be involved at a very early stage in the work of the teaching profession.

*Note: Students should work with an advisor in the early stages of planning their course of study in the ICP to ensure they are eligible for the maximum starting teaching salary based on units completed.*

### **Preparation for the ICP Option**

(Lower Division: 54 - 57 units)

At the Lower Division level, ICP students follow the same Preparation for the Major curriculum required for ESM students.

*See the Lower Division course requirements listed above for the ESM Option.*

### **ICP Upper Division Course Requirements:**

(27-30 units\*)

Courses must be taken in the following areas in order to fulfill the Breadth of Study requirement and satisfy prerequisites for further coursework in the credential program:

#### ***ICP Breadth of Study Requirements:***

##### **Units**

ID 340B 3

ID 381 3

HIST 347 3

LBST 361B 3

LING 300B 3

MATH 311B 3

VPA 321 3

*Total Units 21*

#### ***Credential-Program Prerequisites***

EDUC 350 or 350B\* 3

EDUC 364B 3

EDUC 422 3

*Total Units 9*

*\*Note: Students may fulfill this*

*Requirement with a Lower Division*

*Equivalent to EDUC 350 (Foundations of Teaching as a Profession).*

### ***ICP Depth of Study Requirement***

(15-17 units)

Students follow the same Depth of Study curriculum required in the ESM Option (see above).

### ***Credential Program Requirements***

(39 units)

The Multiple Subject credential program consists of the following coursework:

##### **Units**

EDMS 511B 3

EDMS 512B 3

EDMS 521B 3

EDMS 522B 3

EDMS 543B 3  
EDMS 544B 3  
EDMS 545B 3  
EDMS 555B 3  
EDMS 575B 1  
EDUC 560A 1  
EDUC 560B 1  
EDMS 571B 6  
EDMS 572B 6  
*Total Units 39*

### **ICP Lower Division Years**

In addition to the Preparation for the ICP coursework, and other LDGE requirements, ICP students must also complete

- EDUC 350B or EDUC 350 (or a Lower Division equivalent to this course).
- EDUC 364B must be taken in the semester prior to being accepted into the ICP
- EDUC 422

### **Semester 1: Language, Culture and Learning**

Required Core Courses (10 units)

#### **Units**

EDMS 511B 3  
EDMS 521B 3  
EDMS 560A 1  
LING 300B 3

Required Non-Core Courses (6 units)

Depth of Study Course #1 3  
VPA 321 3

### **Semester 2: Mathematics**

Required Core Courses (12 units)

EDMS 512B 3  
EDMS 522B 3  
EDMS 543B 3  
MATH 311B 3

Required Non-Core Courses (3 units)

Depth of Study Course # 2 3

### **Semester 3: Science**

Required Core Courses (9 units)

EDMS 545B 3  
ID 381 3  
LBST 361B 3

Required Non-Core Courses (6 units)

Depth of Study #3 3  
HIST 347 3

### **Semester 4: Community**

Required Core Courses (10 units)

EDMS 544B 3  
EDMS 555B 3  
EDMS 560B 1  
ID 340B 3

Required Non-Core Courses (6 units)

Depth of Study Course #4 3  
Depth of Study Course #5 3

### **Semester 5: Professional Practice**

Required Core Courses (13 units)

EDMS 571B: 6  
EDMS 572B: 6  
EDMS 575B 1