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### Double Degrees

Undergraduates with majors in the College of Liberal Arts can earn a second degree in education, innovation management, international studies, or sustainability. See the College of Education (https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/education), College of Business (https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/business), International Programs (https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/international-programs) or Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society (https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/forestry/forests-ecosystems-society) sections of this catalog for more information.

### Minors

Students throughout the university may elect to pursue the following undergraduate minors: Anthropology; Art History; Asian Languages and Cultures; Asian Studies; Communication; Economics; English; Ethnic Studies; Film Studies; French; German; History; Multimedia; Music; Music Performance; New Media Communications; Philosophy; Photography; Political Science; Popular Music Studies; Psychology; Queer Studies; Religious Studies; Russian (suspended); Social Justice; Sociology; Spanish; Theatre Arts; Visual Arts; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; and Writing.

The College of Liberal Arts also offers many courses in the arts, humanities, and social sciences that are of value to all students and are basic to a liberal education. Such courses help students in their personal development and enrichment through a deeper understanding of themselves and appreciation of human cultural development.

### Teacher Education

The College of Liberal Arts offers excellent undergraduate preparation for elementary, middle or high school teachers. The Liberal Studies pre-education program is ideal for elementary school teachers.

Students wanting to teach at the high school level may major in English, French, German, history/social studies, music or Spanish.

### Certificate Programs

Certificate programs in Applied Ethics; Food in Culture and Social Justice; Language in Culture; Latin American Affairs; Medical Humanities; Peace Studies; Religion and Culture; Russian Studies (suspended); and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies are offered to all students and may be taken concurrently with any major degree program.

### Pre-Law Preparation

OSU provides opportunities for a complete and rigorous preparation for students interested in attending law school. Our accomplished graduates attend some of the finest schools in the nation.

Law school is one of the few professional schools that do not require a particular set of courses as a prerequisite for admission. Students may major in any subject. Students should choose a major that engages and challenges them, a course of study where they can excel. They are advised to supplement their major courses with a diverse selection of classes that offer depth, rigor, and skill in three areas: written and oral communication, deductive reasoning and logic, and a general knowledge of the institutions and values of our society.

The College of Liberal Arts offers many effective and engaging ways to prepare for law school, rather than one single pre-law program. Students interested in law school may contact Professor Jason Tanenbaum in the School of Public Policy. Call 541-737-3663 for his office hours. Students also may call the CLA Student Services Office, 541-737-0561. Students should also obtain the College of Liberal Arts pre-law advising brochure, which is available online at http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/content/pre-law-program.

### Accelerated BA/BS and Law (JD) Program with Willamette University College of Law

This program enables OSU students to earn a BA or BS degree and a law degree in a total of six years, three years at OSU and three at either the Willamette University College of Law or the Lewis and Clark College Law School.

Students may be admitted to the program any time during their first two years of undergraduate study provided they have a 3.5 high school GPA and a minimum combined SAT score of 1950 or composite ACT score of 29. Students will complete all but 45 credits of upper-division electives for a BA or BS degree in defined majors in the College of Liberal Arts. For admission to law school, students must have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher and a Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score no lower than the median LSAT for the prior year’s entering class.

At Willamette University and at Lewis and Clark College, the students’ first-year law courses will satisfy the 45-credit upper-division elective
requirements for their OSU degree. After completing the additional two years at Willamette or at Lewis and Clark, students will have completed both the bachelors and JD degrees in six years.

Note: OSU Honors College students are currently not eligible for this program due to the senior year thesis requirement.

Footnote:

1 American Studies (OSU-Cascades Branch Campus in Bend); Anthropology; Economics; English; Ethnic Studies; French; German; History; Philosophy; Political Science; Sociology; Spanish; Speech Communication; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Academic Advising

Mission Statement: The College of Liberal Arts academic advising is a teaching and learning process dedicated to student success. Academic advising engages students in developing a plan to realize their educational, career and life goals.

Values Statement: The values associated with advising in the College of Liberal Arts are closely aligned with the stated values of the university.

- Accountability: We are committed to providing timely, accurate and intentional advising.
- Diversity: We honor the unique nature and interests of each student. Advising services and delivery methods will be shaped to fit the diverse needs of our campus populations.
- Respect: We seek to establish a reciprocal relationship with students based on an ethic of care and shared responsibility.
- Social Responsibility: We foster a culture of independent thinking and global awareness so that students make informed, socially responsible choices consistent with their academic, career and life goals.
- Integrity: We seek to engage students in a fair and professional process of meaningful self-reflection and authentic inquiry.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements

A liberal arts education involves exploration and broad study beyond one’s major field. Students are encouraged to understand other cultures, other ways of knowing, and other fields of study. Students are also encouraged to take more courses in areas outside their major field to enhance their experience.

Liberal Arts students are required to satisfy four sets of requirements:

- Oregon State University Baccalaureate Core
- College of Liberal Arts Core
- BA or BS requirements
- Major program requirements

The University Baccalaureate Core course requirements are explained in a separate section, “Earning a Degree at Oregon State.” The College of Liberal Arts Core and the BA and BS requirements are explained below. The major program requirements are explained in the appropriate section in the pages that follow. If you want to add a minor program, you will also need to complete the requirements for that minor. Specific requirements for interdisciplinary minors are listed in the Interdisciplinary Programs section of this catalog. Specific requirements for disciplinary minors are usually given in the appropriate school or departmental section; for example see the School of Public Policy section for requirements for the Economics minor.

You may not use a single course to satisfy more than one of these requirements. In addition, you may not use courses within your major field to satisfy either baccalaureate core or liberal arts core requirements. (However, courses taken to satisfy the baccalaureate core requirements or the liberal arts core may also be used to satisfy requirements for a minor.)

Liberal Arts Core

The liberal arts core consists of five courses (at least 15 credits) as follows:

- Humanities (3): Critical examination of influential traditions and ideas as defined by major scholarly works (includes English literature, ethnic studies, film studies, foreign language and literatures, including culture, history, and philosophy).
- Fine Arts (3): Participation in or appreciation of different forms (includes art, music, theater, and creative writing in poetry, fiction, or drama).
- Social Science (3): Scientific investigation and theory pertaining to human individuals, social groups, institutions, and ideologies (includes anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, women, gender, and sexuality studies; and selected geography courses).
- Nonwestern Culture (3): Study in any of the following areas focusing outside of Western culture—Africa, Asia, Russia, South America, Central America, Caribbean, Middle East, the Pacific, or Native North Americans.
- One additional course from one of the preceding four areas (3).

BA/BS Requirements

Nearly all liberal arts students graduate with either a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree.

- BA Requirement: Second-year proficiency in a second language, including ASL, at the college level with at least a C–.
- BS Requirement: A minimum 15-credit block of science, computer science, and quantitative studies as follows:
  a. Any computer science (CS) course approved by the student’s major school or department (3–4), and
  b. Any course from the College of Science approved by the student’s major school or department except math (MTH) or statistics (ST) courses (3–4), and
  c. One of the following (8–12):

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Many schools or departments require specific courses to satisfy the BS degree requirements; students should consult their academic advisors for details. Courses used to satisfy the BS degree requirements may not also be used to satisfy baccalaureate core requirements.

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degrees in Applied Visual Arts, Digital Communication Arts, and Graphic Design are offered by the School of Arts and Communication. BFA degree requirements differ from those in other College of Liberal Arts programs. Students in the BFA degree program must complete the baccalaureate core and a minimum of 105 credits in art or digital communication arts.