Liberal Studies Major
San Diego State University

Student Name: ___________________________ Red ID: ___________________________

Competencies and Testing Requirements

_____ Liberal Studies Mathematics Proficiency Assessment – take after Math 210 & 211
_____ WPA (Writing Placement Assessment) – take at 60 units
_____ Declared upper division major   Date: __________________

International Experience (required): ___________________________________________ (see website and/or advisor)

Liberal Studies Impaction Criteria and SDSU Graduation Requirements:

To advance from pre-major to major in the impacted Liberal Studies major, students must:

- complete all of the preparation for the major, and earn a grade of ‘C’ or better [CR/NC not allowed] in:
  - critical thinking, oral communication, Math 210 & 211, ENS 241A & B
- earn a passing score on the Liberal Studies Mathematics Proficiency Assessment [after Math 210 & 211]
- complete a minimum of 60 units
- achieve a cumulative overall GPA of 2.7 or higher.

When students qualify to advance from pre-major to major, they should notify the Liberal Studies office via the
advising link on the LS web site (see URL below) to request the change. NOTE: This change generally does not
happen automatically.

General Education: With very few exceptions, satisfactorily completing the Liberal Studies requirements also
fulfills all General Education requirements.

Unit Requirements: Total units required for graduation: 120. Total units required by Liberal Studies: 110-120.

Table 1: Suggested Sequence of Courses in the Preparation for the Major – Freshman Year

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<td>*Oral Communication</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Critical Thinking/Intermediate Composition*</td>
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<td>*Freshman Composition</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Earth Science: Geology 104</td>
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<td>Numbers &amp; Operations: Math 210 and MathEd 212</td>
<td>4.5</td>
<td>World Regional Geography: GEOG 106</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Dev. Psych.: Teacher Education 170 or CFD 170</td>
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<td>*American Institutions I</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Music: Music 102</td>
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<td>Geometry: Math 211</td>
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*See reverse for choices.

Table 2: Suggested Sequence of Courses in the Preparation for the Major – Sophomore Year

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<th>Sophomore Semester I</th>
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<td>Life Science: Biology 100</td>
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<td>Literature*</td>
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<td>Lab: Biology 100L</td>
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<td>World History: History 100</td>
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<td>*Visual and Performing Arts</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>*GE Humanities</td>
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<td>*American Institutions II</td>
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<td>Physical Science: Natural Science 100</td>
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<td>Education as a Profession: Education 200 or SCI 250 by petition</td>
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<td>(see upper division advising sheet)</td>
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<td>PE: Exercise &amp; Nutritional Sci. 241A and 241 B</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Elective or Focus course</td>
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<td>Elective (recommended: Teacher Education 280)</td>
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NOTE: Students should make every effort to complete at least 60 units by the end of the sophomore year.

Office: Administration 101  Website: http://libst.sdsu.edu/
Telephone: (619) 594-0597 – Check this site often for announcements and advising information.
## Lower Division Preparation for the Liberal Studies Major Courses (55.5-59.5 units)

### Table 1: GE Area I. Communication and Critical Thinking (9 units)

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| C, L | **Oral Communication** (choose one class)  
| C, L | **Composition** (choose one class)  
Africana Studies 120, American Indian Studies 120, Chicana/Chicano Studies 111B, Linguistics 100 (intl. students), English 100, Rhetoric and Writing 100, Rhetoric and Writing 101, Transf. Composition course (A-2) |      |       |
| C, L | **Critical Thinking** (choose one class)  
Africana Studies 200, Chicana/Chicano Studies 200, Linguistics 200 (international students), English 200, Philosophy 110, Rhetoric and Writing 200, Transferred Critical Thinking course (A-3) |      |       |

### Table 2: GE Area II. Foundations of Learning (28-32 units)

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|      | **Life Science**  
Biology 100 |      |       |
|      | **Earth Science**  
Geology 104 |      |       |
|      | **Laboratory Class**  
Biology 100L (recommended: take concurrently with Biology 100) |      |       |
|      | **Numbers and Operations**  
Math 210: take the LS Math Proficiency Assessment (see the SDSU Test Office) after Math 210 & 211 |      |       |
|      | **World Regional Geography**  
Geography 106 |      |       |
|      | **Developmental Psychology**  
A) Teacher Ed/Child Family Dev 170 (3)  
B) Psychology 101 & 230 (6)  
C) Transf. course: CFD 270 (3) |      |       |
|      | **Literature** (choose one class)  
Comparative Literature 270A or Comparative Literature 270B or English 220 |      |       |
|      | **Visual and Performing Arts** (choose one class)  
Art 157 or Art 259 or Theatre 120 |      |       |
|      | **World History**  
History 100 |      |       |
|      | **General Education Humanities** (choose one class)  
A) Foreign Language or B) Philosophy 101 or Religious Studies 101 or Religious Studies 103 |      |       |

### Table 3: GE Area III. American Institutions (6 units)

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|      | **American Institutions I** (choose one class)  
Africana Studies 170A, American Indian Studies 140, Chicana/Chicano Studies 141A, History 109 |      |       |
|      | **American Institutions II** (choose one class)  
Africana Studies 170B, American Indian Studies 141, Chicana/Chicano Studies 141B, History 110, Political Science 102, (with AP Credit or out of state transfer course, CA government is required) |      |       |

### Table 4: Subject Area: Liberal Studies (3 units)

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|      | **Education as a Profession**  
Education 200 or SCI 250 by petition (field experience required) |      |       |

### Table 5: Additional Preparation (9.5 units)

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| C, L | **Physical Education** (2 units)  
Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 241A and ENS 241B (1 unit each) [must be taken concurrently] |      |       |
| C, L | **Children’s Mathematical Thinking** (Recommended: take concurrently with Math 210)  
Math Education 212 (1.5 units) (field experience required) |      |       |
| C, L | **Geometry**  
Math 211: take the LS Mathematics Proficiency Assessment (see SDSU Test Office) after Math 210 & 211 |      |       |
|      | **Fundamentals of Music**  
Music 102 [NOTE: a credit by exam option is available – see the Liberal Studies website for more information] |      |       |

**NOTE:** Natural Science 100 is included in the lower division course sequence on the reverse side, but not among the requirements listed here, because it is technically a requirement for the major, not the pre-major, though students are encouraged to take this class during their sophomore year.

Code C: students must earn a grade of “C” or better to clear the requirement.  
Code L: must be taken for a letter grade (no CR/NC allowed).