

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

Freshman Semester I	Units	Freshman Semester II	Units
Oral Communication	3	Critical Thinking/Intermediate Composition	3
*Freshman Composition	3	Earth Science: Geology 104	3
Numbers & Operations: Math 210 and MathEd 212	4.5	World Regional Geography: GEOG 106	3
Dev. Psych.: Teacher Education 170 or CFD 170	3	*American Institutions I	3
Fundamentals of Music: Music 102	3	Geometry: Math 211	3
	16.5		15

*See reverse for choices.

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

Sophomore Semester I	Units	Sophomore Semester II	Units
Life Science: Biology 100	3	Literature*	3
Lab: Biology 100L	1	World History: History 100	3
*Visual and Performing Arts	3	*GE Humanities	3
*American Institutions II	3	Physical Science: Natural Science 100	3
Education as a Profession: Education 200 or SCI 250 by petition (field experience)	3	(see upper division advising sheet)	
PE: Exercise & Nutritional Sci. 241A and 241 B (Fall only)	2	Elective or Focus course	3
Elective (recommended: Teacher Education 280)	1	(see upper division advising sheet)	
	16		15

*See reverse, or consult your degree evaluation (through the web portal), for choices.

NOTE: Students should make every effort to complete at least 60 units by the end of the sophomore year.

Office: Administration 101
Telephone: (619) 594-0597

Website: <http://libst.sdsu.edu/>
– 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)

CODE	COURSE INFORMATION	Term	Grade
C, L	Oral Communication (choose one class) Africana Studies 140, Chicana/Chicano Studies 111A, Communication 103, Transf. Oral Comm. course (A-1)		
	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)

CODE	COURSE INFORMATION	Term	Grade
	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) or B) Psychology 101 & 230 (6) or 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)

CODE	COURSE INFORMATION	Term	Grade
	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)

CODE	COURSE INFORMATION	Term	Grade
	Education as a Profession Education 200 or SCI 250 by petition (field experience required)		

Table 5: Additional Preparation (9.5 units)

CODE	COURSE INFORMATION	Term	Grade
C, L	Physical Education (2 units) Exercise and Nutritional Sciences 241A and ENS 241B (1 unit each) [must be taken concurrently]		
	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).