



Bachelor of Arts, 4-Year Major in Liberal Studies

Program Planning Guide 2023/2024

Program Overview

The 120-credit (4-year) Bachelor of Arts, Major in Liberal Studies is the first degree of its kind in Alberta. The program has been designed specifically for the 21st century student and job market. Students entering university today are often interested in a number of subject areas or have yet to make a decision on their chosen field. This program allows students the maximum flexibility to discover and pursue their interests while completing a 4-year (120-credit) degree.

We also know that young people today are unlikely to have one job for their entire work histories. Instead they are more likely to pursue a career path that will require the application of job skills in a number of positions. The Liberal Studies program emphasizes the development and refinement of the most portable and marketable skills: the ability to think critically and analytically and to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Research has demonstrated that there is good economic demand for students with the essential workplace skills and credentials facilitated by completing the Liberal Studies program. Students could pursue many career paths including journalism, management, marketing, public relations, human resources, education, social services, research and analysis, government and industry. The program also provides an excellent foundation for further studies at the graduate level in a number of fields and for professional programs including law.

Program Features

The degree program emphasizes both the breadth and depth of post-secondary studies. First, following the Liberal Arts tradition of St. Mary's University, students will acquire broad interdisciplinary knowledge by taking courses in Fine Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and the Natural and Mathematical Sciences. Second, they will complete a specific concentration in one of the following subject areas: Business and Management Studies, Canadian Studies, Catholic Studies, Drama, English, Family Studies, History, Philosophy, Psychology, Science Studies or Sociology.

In the final year of the program, students will work with fellow students and faculty to complete a year-long research project similar to an honours thesis at other universities.

The program includes:

1. Liberal Arts Core
2. Special Requirements (courses in a language other than English, Fine Arts, Humanities, Natural and Mathematical Sciences, Social Sciences and Human Kinetics,)
3. Liberal Studies Requirements (LBST 201, 301, 401 and 403)
4. Completion of a Subject Area Concentration
5. Electives.

Admission

New students may apply directly to the program when they apply for admission. Current students may be admitted to the program by submitting a *Change of Program Form* to the Enrolment Services Office for processing.

Program Requirements

Students are strongly recommended to meet with an academic advisor on a regular basis throughout the program. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have met the requirements for graduation.

This planning guide is designed to help students keep track of their progress in meeting degree requirements. Course descriptions may be found in the St. Mary's University calendar.

A. Liberal Arts Core (18 credits)

- _____ ENGL 200A: Studies in Literature: Middle Ages to 1660 (3 credits)
- _____ ENGL 200B: Studies in Literature: 1660 to the Present (3 credits)
- _____ HIST 200A: History of Ideas: Antiquity to the Reformation (3 credits)
- _____ HIST 200B: History of Ideas: Scientific Revolution to 20th Century (3 credits)
- _____ PHIL 351: Ethics (3 credits)
- _____ RLGS 205: Reading Biblical Texts (3 credits)

B. Special Requirements (39 credits)

- / 6 credits in a language other than English (may include LING 301)
- / 6 credits in Fine Arts (ART, DRAM, MUSI)
(Courses in ENGL or CLAS may not be used to fulfill this requirement)
- / 6 credits in Humanities (ART, CLAS, DRAM, ENGL, FREN, GREK, INST, ITAL, LATI,
LING, MUSI, PHIL, RLGS, SPAN, THEO, WRIT)
- / / 9 credits in Natural and Mathematical Sciences (ASTR, BCEM, BIOL,
CHEM, CPSC 215, HMKN 205, MATH, PHYS, SCIE, STAT)
- / / 9 credits in Social Sciences (ACCT, ECON, FMST, GEOG, HIST, MGST, POLI,
PSYC, SOCI)
- _____ HMKN 201 or HMKN 203 or HMKN 205 (3 credits)

C. Liberal Studies Requirements (12 credits)

- _____ LBST 201 (3 credits)
- _____ LBST 301 (3 credits)
(to be taken before final year of program)
- _____ LBST 401 (3 credits)
(to be taken in Fall semester of final year of program)
- _____ LBST 403 (3 credits)
(to be taken in Winter semester of final year of program)

120-Credit Degree**Junior /Senior Requirements**

72 credits must be taken at the **300- or 400-level**.

Directed Studies

Students are allowed a **maximum of 9.0 credits hours** of directed studies in their degree program.

Program Standing

In order to remain in the program, you must maintain a cumulative **GPA of 2.0**, a cumulative **GPA of 2.3** in senior Concentration courses and senior Liberal Studies Requirement courses (LBST 301, LBST 401 and LBST 403).

You may have no more than one D or D+ in these categories. Students who do not meet these requirements may not graduate.

Residence Requirement

All students must complete at least **60 credits** at St. Mary's University. **LBST 401** and **LBST 403 must be completed at StMU**. At least 12 credits in the concentration must be completed at StMU.

Graduation

In final year of study, an *Application to Graduate* must be submitted by October 1.

This guide is for your convenience only and should not replace the St. Mary's University Calendar, which is the final authority regarding degree program requirements and academic regulations.

D. Subject Area Concentration Requirement (24 credits)

- Completion of at least 12 credits at the 300 or 400 level
- Completion of at least 12 credits at St. Mary's University

Concentration: _____

- _____ (3 credits)

E. Electives (27 credits) *be attentive to Jr./Sr. requirements

- _____ elective: _____ (3 credits)

Concentration Requirements

Students must complete at least 24 credits, including at least 12 credits at the senior (300 or 400 level).

Biology

BIOL 231

BIOL 233

And a minimum of 18 other credits from other Biology courses **excluding BIOL 205, BIOL 305, and BIOL 307**.

Business and Management Studies

Must complete:

ACCT 317

MGST 305

At least one of the following courses:

ECON 201

ECON 203

At least one of the following courses:

MATH 211

MATH 249

MATH 251

STAT 213

And four courses (12 credits) from any of the courses mentioned above not taken to fulfill the Economics and Math requirement, or any of the following courses:

ACCT 319

ECON 301

ECON 303

ECON 337

ECON 373

MGST 291

MGST 301.0

MGST 301.1

MGST 301.2

MGST 303

MGST 307

MGST 309

MGST 321

MGST 331

PHIL 353

POLI 353

SOCI 343

STAT 217

Canadian Studies

At least one of the following courses:

ENGL 341

ENGL 343

ENGL 381.6

ENGL 381.8

FREN 219

At least one of the following courses:

HIST 371

HIST 373

GEOG 381

At least one of the following courses:

POLI 315

POLI 365

POLI 369

At least **one** of the following courses:

SOCI 327
SOCI 343
SOCI 353
SOCI 371
SOCI 393

And a minimum of **four courses (12 credits)** from any of the courses mentioned above not used to fulfill that category, or any of the following courses:

FREN 221
HIST 347
HIST 441
HIST 443
HIST 445
HIST 449
HIST 453
HIST 455
HIST 457
INST 201

Catholic Studies

Must complete:

RLGS 301

At least **one** of the following courses:

RLGS 321
RLGS 323

At least **one** of the following courses:

RLGS 311
RLGS 313
RLGS 315

And a minimum of **5 courses (15 credits)** from any of the courses mentioned above not used to fulfill that category, or any of the following courses:

ART 201
ART 203
ART 325
ART 405
ENGL 303
ENGL 305
ENGL 355
HIST 449
PHIL 345
PHIL 395
RLGS 201
RLGS 203
RLGS 317
RLGS 331
RLGS 333
RLGS 339
RLGS 341
RLGS 343
RLGS 363
SOCI 377

Drama

Must complete:

DRAM 201
DRAM 203

And at least **two** of the following courses:

CLAS 323
ENGL 313
ENGL 315
ENGL 327
ENGL 371

And at least **two** of the following courses:

DRAM 205
DRAM 301
DRAM 303
DRAM 305
DRAM 401
DRAM 403
DRAM 405

And **two courses (6 credits)** from any of the other courses mentioned above not used to fulfill that category, or any from the following courses:

MUSI 205
MUSI 305
MUSI 405

English

A minimum of 24 credits (including at least 12 senior credits) from any English courses or the following:

CLAS 321
CLAS 323
LING 301

Family Studies

A minimum of **24 credits** (including at least 12 senior credits) from the following courses:

ENGL 391
ENGL 392
FMST 301
FMST 303
FMST 401
FMST 411
HIST 351
HIST 453
PSYC 329
PSYC 333
PSYC 353
PSYC 355
PSYC 361
PSYC 461
RLGS 345
SOCI 303
SOCI 327
SOCI 371

History

A minimum of **24 credits** (including at least 12 senior credits) from any History courses (except HIST 200, HIST 200A, HIST 200B, HIST 401 and HIST 403) or the following:

CLAS 315
IDST 333
PHIL 377

Philosophy

A minimum of **24 credits** (including at least 12 senior credits) from any Philosophy courses.

Political Studies

Must complete:

POLI 201

And a minimum of **21 credits** (including at least 12 senior credits) from all Political Studies courses.

Psychology

Must complete:

PSYC 201

PSYC 203

And a minimum of **18 credits** (including at least 12 senior credits) from other Psychology courses.

Science Studies

A minimum of **24 credits** (including at least 12 senior credits) from the following courses:

BCEM 393
BIOL 231
BIOL 233
BIOL 311
BIOL 313
BIOL 315
BIOL 317
BIOL 331
BIOL 341
BIOL 375
BIOL 377
BIOL 381
BIOL 411
BIOL 413
BIOL 415
BIOL 417
BIOL 431
BIOL 433
BIOL 441
BIOL 451
CHEM 201
CHEM 203
CHEM 351
CHEM 353
CPSC 215
HMKN 205
MATH 211
MATH 249 or 251
MATH 253
PHYS 211
PHYS 223
PSYC 375
PSYC 475
SCIE 201
SCIE 301
STAT 213
STAT 217

Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Must complete:

MGST 291
MGST 303

And at least **two** of the following courses:

MGST 305
MGST 309
MGST 321
MGST 331

And at least **three** of the following courses:

ECON 337
ECON 373
ENGL 397.6
HIST 441
HIST 457
PHIL 353
POLI 315
POLI 353
POLI 361
PSYC 331
PSYC 337
PSYC 357
SOC 303
SOC 327
SOC 375

Sociology

Must complete:

SOCI 201
SOCI 313

And a minimum of **18 credits** (including at least 12 senior credits) from other Sociology courses.