

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR AT GVSU AND NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

BA in Liberal Studies, with American Studies Emphasis

Please Note: The sample below is exactly that, a sample: you and your GVSU Liberal Studies advisor will work out the plan that best suits your interests, needs, and goals, given the availability of classes and course offerings. For MACRAO Requirements and Group I listings, see NMC catalogue and NMC academic counselor.

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED COURSES AT NMC FOR MACRAO AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Communications:

ENG 111 Composition I 4
ENG 112 Composition II 4

Science/Math:

Your choice of 8 credits in NMC's Group I SCI/MTH courses from 2 different disciplines 8

Social Sciences:

(8 credits NMC Group I from 2 different disciplines, one of which could be the following recommended classes) 8
 ▪ SOC 113 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 ▪ or GEO 109 World Regional Geography to fulfill GVSU's World Perspectives Requirement.

Humanities:

PHL 201 Ethics Or PHL 202 Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas 3
3 credits NMC Group I other than Philosophy or the following recommended classes with 3rd semester foreign language or select one of the recommended electives) 3
 ENG 262 American Literature or HST 111 US History to 1865 3

Other Requirements for GVSU:

MTH 111 Intermediate Algebra 4
 Achieve 3rd semester proficiency in foreign language (Spanish, French, or German) for BA. Up to 12

Recommended Electives for American Studies Emphasis

ENG 243* Michigan Writers and Literature 3
 HST 112 US History since 1865 3
 HST 211 Native American History 3
 HST 212 African-American History 3
 HST 213 American Women's History 3
 HST 225 American Civil War 3
 HST 228 The Vietnam War 3
 HST 230 A History of Michigan 3

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Sample Emphasis Area: BA in Liberal Studies, with American Studies Emphasis

AT GVSU at the University Center, 58 senior institution credits required; last 30 chronologically must be with GVSU.

GVSU Liberal Studies Requirements

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| LIB 100 Introduction to Liberal Education | 3 |
| SWS LIB XXX Dialogue | 3 |
| LIB 400 Visionary Thinker* | 3 |
| LIB 491 Practicum | 2-3 |
| LIB 495 Senior Thesis, Capstone | 3 |

Choose from the following for American Studies Emphasis Area (minimum 18 credits, 15 at the 300 level or above):

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| US 201 Diversity in the United States † | 3 |
| ENG 226 American Literature II | 3 |
| ENG 335 Literature of American Minorities † | 3 |
| MUS 300 Exploring American Music † | 3 |
| HST 315 Latinos: Forging Ethnic Identities † | 3 |
| LIB 350 The Immigrant Experience † | 3 |
| WGS 373 Women and Minorities in Film & TV | 3 |
| SOC 385 Social Class Inequality | 3 |
| LIB 401 Visionary Thinker American Mosaic: Louise Erdrich* † | 3 |
| LIB 401 Visionary Thinker American Mosaic: Roger Williams* † | 3 |
| LIB 401 Visionary Thinkers American Mosaic: Cesar Chavez* † | 3 |

Integrative and Contextual Courses
9 credits minimum: choose from these or other GVSU classes, or apply 100 and 200 level classes from NMC.

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| LIB 310 Creativity | 3 |
| LIB 314 Life Journey | 3 |
| LIB 331 The Person and the Profession | 3 |
| LIB 399 Independent Study* | 3 |
| LIB 400 Visionary Thinkers* | 3 |
| LIB 490 Internship* | 3 |
| LIB 499 Independent Study* | 3 |

Other GVSU Requirements

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| World Perspectives: If SOC 113 or GEO 109 were not taken at NMC, then: | 3 |
| Jr. year Writing | 3 |
| US Diversity: choose one | 3 |
| PHI 210 Eastern Philosophy | |
| WRT 305 or placement | 3 |
| ED 225, LIB 350, LIB 401, MUS 300, US 201 | 3 |

* may be repeated for credit

† choose 3, each from a different discipline, for completion of the American Mosaic Theme.