Curriculum Guide for Liberal Studies Freshmen and Transfer Students 2015-2016

Major Overview: The Liberal Studies Department at Grand Valley State University is different from most other departments, because Liberal Studies students design study plans that suit their specific interests, talents, and career aspirations utilizing courses throughout the university.

The program begins with a core of required courses. Then, with the help of a faculty advisor, students develop a major area of study based on a specific theme, issue, problem, or career interest.

The Liberal Studies major includes the following suggested courses from General Education:

Philosophy and Literature: LIB 100—Intro to Liberal Education, PHI 102—Ethics.
Social and Behavioral Sciences: LIB 201—Diversity in the US.

Additional Ethics Core Options: PHI 102—Ethics, PHI 325—Professional Ethics, MKT 375—Marketing Ethics, MGT 340—Business, Social Change, & Ethics, COM 438—Communication Ethics, BIO 328—Biomedical Ethics, BIO 338—Environmental Ethics.

Admission Criteria:

• 2.0 Cumulative GPA.
• Declare your major through Banner: B.S. or B.A. in Liberal Studies.

Sample Freshman Schedule

Academic Year Course Options

Recommended
WRT 150—Strategies in Writing
MTH 110—Algebra
LIB 100—Intro to Liberal Education
LIB 201—Diversity in the US
General Ed Foundations requirements*

Additional
Liberal Studies Area of Focus and Integrative/Contextual Electives:
• Please consult with advisor
PHI 102—Ethics or PHI 325—Professional Ethics (not to be taken during the freshman year) (See Additional Ethics Core Options)

General Ed Cultures requirements*

*May be fulfilled by major requirements

Note: Students pursuing a B.A. Liberal Studies option, may choose to begin their language during the first year at GVSU.

Sample Transfer Student Schedule

Academic Year Course Options

Recommended
LIB 100—Intro to Liberal Education
LIB 201—Diversity in the US
LIB 311—Meaning or LIB 312—Dialogue
PHI 102—Ethics or PHI 325—Professional Ethics (See Additional Ethics Core Options)
STA 215—Statistics (part of the B.S. program requirement)
General Ed Foundations and Cultures requirements*

Additional
Liberal Studies Area of Focus and Integrative/Contextual Electives:
• Please consult with advisor
LIB 301—IDS Research Methods

*May be fulfilled by major requirements

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Sample sequencing of Core requirements for freshmen: LIB 100 > LIB 201

Sample sequencing of Core requirements for transfer: LIB 100 > LIB 201 > LIB 301 > LIB 495
(*See Additional Ethics Core Options) PH1 102 LIB 311/312 LIB 400/401

It is highly recommended that you meet with an advisor early in your career at GVSU. To schedule an appointment with a Brooks College advisor please call 616-331-8200.