

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies will

1. Understand how knowledge can be connected across multiple disciplines;
2. Formulate their own goals for continued learning and inquiry based on a foundation of intellectual curiosity;
3. Understand and appreciate the positive value and essential role of diversity;
4. Think critically and creatively;
5. Write and speak clearly, coherently, and thoughtfully;
6. Read, understand, and evaluate all forms of text; and
7. Be familiar with technologies appropriate to the research and dissemination of knowledge.

In addition, students in the BRS Option will

- Develop a theoretical understanding of borders and border communities;
- Identify key issues and apply appropriate conceptual and operational definitions in the study of border communities and regions; and
- Design and implement border research projects using appropriate methodologies.

Students in the ESM and ICP Options will

- Acquire a breadth of knowledge across the range of subjects included in these options: Reading, Language, and Literature; Mathematics; Natural Sciences; History and Social Sciences; Visual and Performing Arts; Human Development; and Physical Education; and
- Demonstrate greater depth of knowledge in their selected Depth of Study

Career Opportunities

For students in the BRS Option, the B.A. in Liberal Studies serves as preparation for a wide range of careers in the public sector and private sectors, and for post-graduate studies in public policy, public administration, urban and regional planning, area studies, other social sciences, and applied fields.

For students in the ESM and ICP Options, the B.A. in Liberal Studies is a first step in becoming a K-8 teacher.

Graduates of Liberal Studies programs are well-positioned for entry into CSUSM's Multiple Subject Credential Program. For complete and up-to-date information, please contact the College of Education or visit their web site.

Special Conditions for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

In all three Options, all courses counted toward the Major, including Preparation for the Major, must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Special Conditions for the Border Studies Option

A minimum of eighteen (18) units counted towards the BRS Option must be completed at Cal State San Marcos.

No more than six (6) units of independent study and independent research (BRS 498 and BRS 499) may be applied toward the BRS Option.

Special Conditions for ESM and ICP Options

No course used for Preparation for the Major, Breadth of Study, or Depth of Study may be taken for a grade of Credit/No Credit.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Border Studies Option (BRS)

	Units
General Education	51
Preparation for the BRS Option*	15
Major Requirements	38-45
Capstone Course	3-5

Students must take a sufficient number of elective units to bring the total number of units to a minimum of 120

Preparation for the BRS Option

(15 units)

Prior to taking any of the Upper-Division Core or Upper-Division Major Electives, students should successfully complete the following courses.

GEOG 201* or GEOG 302	3
HIST 131*	3
HIST 202*	3
PSCI 100*	3

Introduction to Statistics

Select one from the following courses:

PSYC 220	3
SOC 201	3

Upper-Division Major Requirements for BRS

CORE COURSES (15 UNITS)

BRS 300	3
GEOG 305 or GEOG 305S	3
GEOG 320	3
ID 340 or ID340B	3
LING 305	3

**At least nine (9) units of Lower Division General Education are automatically satisfied by courses taken in Preparation for the Major.*

RESEARCH METHODS (3-4 UNITS)

Select one course from the following courses:

BRS 301	HIST 301
PSCI 301	SOC 360
SOC 361	

Electives

(20-27 units)

Historical Frames (3 units)

Select one course from the following courses:

HIST 344 (preferred)	HIST 347
HIST 346	

Social Issues and Political Economy (6-8 units)

Select two from the following courses:

ANTH 370	PSCI 356
BRS 330	PSCI 359
BRS 430	PSCI 362
BRS 453	PSCI 364A
ECON 325	PSCI 364B
ECON 431	PSCI 365
ECON 441	PSCI 439
ECON 442	PSCI 449
ECON 443	PSCI 450
ECON 445/PSCI 445/WMST 445	PSCI 460
ID 406	PSCI 461
PHIL 340	PSCI 462
PSCI 331	PSCI 469
PSCI 335	PSYC 338
PSCI 337	SOC 314
PSCI 338	SOC 331
PSCI 339	SOC 353
PSCI 340	SOC 419
PSCI 342	SOC 420
PSCI 350	SOC 424
PSCI 355	SOC 439

Cultural Contact (6-8 units)

Select two from the following courses:

ANTH 301	PSYC 428
ANTH 340	SOC 311
ANTH 430	SOC 313
ANTH 440	SOC 339
ANTH 470	SOC 345
HIST 338A	SOC 347
HIST 338B	SOC 375
HIST 350	SOC 411
LING 341	SOC 465
LING 351	SPAN 314D
LING 371	SPAN 316
LING 451	TA 323
PSCI 305	VSAR 323
PSCI 368	WMST 301
PSCI 392	WMST 303
PSYC 341	

Planning (6-8 units)

Select two from the following courses:

BIOL 336	PSCI 391
BIOL 363	PSCI 396
BIOL 382	PSCI 397
BIOL 384	PSCI 416
BIOL 533	PSCI 420
BRS 364	PSCI 431
ECON 411	PSCI 434
ECON 455	SOC 300
LBST 307	SOC 433
LBST 375	WMST 330
PSCI 321	

BRS Option Capstone Course (3-5 units)

Select one of the following courses:

BRS 400
BRS 490
BRS 499*

*If BRS 499 is taken to fulfill the Capstone requirement, it must be taken for 3 units.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES**Teaching Options:**

- **Elementary Subject Matter Preparation Option (ESM)**
- **Integrated Credential Program Option (ICP)**

The ESM and ICP Options both offer excellent curricular pathways to students interested in a career in elementary school teaching. Both are based on state-wide standards for teacher training. Coursework is selected to address the seven core subject matter areas of the K-8 curriculum: Reading, Language & Literature; History & Social Science; Mathematics; Science; Visual & Performing Arts; Human Development; and Physical Education. In addition, students in the ESM and ICP Options choose a Depth of Study module that explores one of these subject matter areas in greater depth.

ESM and ICP students are prepared for the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET). The CSET is a test of the future teacher's mastery of the subject matter delivered in K-8 curricula; passing the CSET is a prerequisite for entry into most post-baccalaureate credential programs (including CSUSM's) and is currently required for recommendation of a California credential. The ESM and ICP Options specifically aim to prepare graduates for entry into the next stages of teacher training and to ensure that as future teachers they will have a command of the subjects they teach.