LIBERAL STUDIES

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Arts Degree (A.A.)
- General Option
- SDSU Teacher Preparation Option

DESCRIPTION

The Liberal Studies program is a multidisciplinary major designed for students who intend to become K-8 teachers in California. This major will provide an education experience which prepares students to think critically, write clearly and effectively, analyze evidence, and appreciate the differences between subject areas. The largest portion of the major(s) comprises the core section, with courses in reading, language and literature, mathematics, natural science, history and social sciences, visual and performing arts, physical education, human development and health. Student who complete either major presented should find opportunities in a variety of careers.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Liberal Studies major is specifically designed to prepare students in the multiple disciplines that teachers in the kindergarten through middle school grades must have studied. Thus it is framed for students who intend to become teachers in K-8 schools and is not recommended as a general major for those who wish to pursue a variety of career fields other than teaching.

- Elementary School Teacher
- Middle School Teacher

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: **http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/**

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.org – CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: **www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/**

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR – GENERAL OPTION – A.A. DEGREE
Twenty-four to twenty-five (24.0-25.0) units required for this major.

This Liberal Studies major will provide an educational experience which prepares students to think critically, write clearly and effectively, analyze evidence, and appreciate the differences between subject areas. Students who complete the major should find opportunities in a variety of careers. If you are planning to transfer to a university, please see a counselor and work with the catalog or the ASSIST website (**www.assist.org**) or specific transfer requirements.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the major (24.0-25.0 units)

A. English Communication and Critical Thinking (6.0 units)			
-SPCH	100	Oral Communication	3.0
-Select One Course from:			3.0
ENGL	111	Reading IV: Analytical and Critical Reading (3.0)	
ENGL	201	Advance Composition (3.0)	
PHIL	106	Logic (3.0)	
SPCH	180	Argumentation and Debate (3.0)	
B. Science and Mathematics (6.0-7.0 units)			**6.0/7.0**
- BIOL	100	Principles of Biological Science with Lab (4.0)	
OR			
GEOL	110	Earth and Space Science (3.0)	
- MATH	110	Number Systems in Elementary Mathematics	3.0
C. Arts and Humanities (3.0 units)			**3.0**
ART	102	History of Art II (3.0)	
MUS	100	Introduction to Music Foundations (3.0)	
HIST	100	Early World History (3.0)	
D. Social, Political and Economic Institutions (6.0 units)			
GEOG	108	World Regional Geography	3.0
HIST	120	United States to 1987	3.0
E. Lifelong Understanding and Self Development (3.0 units)			**3.0**
CDEV/PSY	104	Child Growth & Development (3.0)	
OR			
PSY	101	Introduction to Psychology (3.0)	
OR			
PSY	204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death (3.0)	

Total Major Units	24.0-25.0
IVC Graduation Requirements and GE Pattern:	30.0
Electives (as needed to reach 60 degree applicable units)	
Total Maximum Units:	**60.0**

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR – SDSU Teacher Preparation Option – A.A. DEGREE
Fifty-three to fifty-six (53.0-56.0) units required for this major.

This Liberal Studies major pertains to requirements at San Diego State University (SDSU) only. The major is designed for students who intend to teach at the elementary level. The goal is to provide an educational experience which prepares students to think critically, write clearly and effectively, analyze evidence, and appreciate the differences between subject areas. Student who complete the major should find opportunities in a variety of careers; in addition to teaching, if they so choose. If you are planning to transfer to SDSU, check the current catalog or the ASSIST website (**www.assist.org**) for additional transfer requirements.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS MAJOR MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

I. Required courses for the major (53.0-56.0 units)

A. English Communication and Critical Thinking (12.0 units)			
- SPCH	100	Oral Communication	3.0
- ENGL	101	Composition and Rhetoric	3.0
-Select One Course from (Minimum 3.0 units):			**3.0**
ENGL	111	Reading IV: Analytical and Critical Reading (3.0)	
ENGL	201	Advance Composition (3.0)	
PHIL	106	Logic (3.0)	
SPCH	180	Argumentation and Debate (3.0)	
-Select One Course from (Minimum 3.0 units):			**3.0**
ENGL	102	Introduction to Literature (3.0)	
ENGL	222	Survey of World Literature (3.0)	
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B. History and Social Science (12.0 units)			
- GEOG	108	World Regional Geography	3.0
- HIST	100	Early World History	3.0
- HIST	120	United States to 1987	3.0
- POLS	102	American Government and Politics	3.0
C. Mathematics (7.0 Units)			
- MATH	110	Number Systems in Elementary Mathematics	3.0
- MATH	112	Geometry in Elementary Mathematics	3.0
- MATH	114	Children's Mathematical Thinking	1.0
D. Science (7.0 Units)			
- GEOL	110	Earth and Space Science	3.0
- BIOL	100	Principles of Biological Science with Lab	4.0
E. Visual and Performing Arts (6.0 units)			
- ART	102	History of Art II	3.0
- MUS	100	Introduction to Music Foundations	3.0
F. Developmental, Health and Physical Education (9.0-12.0 units)			
- PE	211	Physical Education in the Elementary School (3.0)	
- HE	102	Health Education (3.0)	
- CDEV/PSY	104	Child Growth & Development (3.0)	
OR			
PSY	101	Introduction to Psychology (3.0)	
AND			
PSY	204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death (3.0)	

Total Major Units	53.0-56.0
IVC Graduation Requirements and GE Pattern:	30.0
Electives (as needed to reach 60 degree applicable units)	____
Total Maximum Units:	**60.0**

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