**Liberal Studies Major - Plan of Study**

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**Writing Intensive Course**  (Completed with a grade of C or better)

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**Total Credits in Major =**  (45-52+ credits)

**Liberal Studies Major requirements:**

1. All classes must be from disciplines within the College of Liberal Arts:
   - OSU-Cascades departments
     - Anthropology
     - American Studies
     - English
     - Economics
     - Art
     - NMC
     - Political science
     - Spanish
     - Writing
     - Communications
     - History
     - SSCI
     - Psychology
     - Sociology

2. Liberal Studies Degree (Plan of Study) must be approved by the College of Liberal Arts.
   a. Submit Plan of Study
   b. Submit supporting essay

3. Maximum of 20 previously completed credits in the plan of study before approved by College of Liberal Arts.

4. A 2.3 or better cumulative GPA in Liberal Studies courses.

5. At least 2 disciplines must be represented in Plan of Study (see above list).

6. No 100-200 level second language applied in plan.

7. Maximum of 6 credits of internship, project or independent study (401-410) in major plan.

8. 45-52 credits total.

9. At least 27 credits of upper division. (no more than 18 lower)

10. You may not S/U any of your major requirements

It is expected that the degree plan will change as new courses or ideas emerge for the student.

Revisions are approved by the academic adviser.

**Approved:**

**Date:**
Liberal Studies Plan of Study – Essay Instructions

The Liberal Studies program’s specific mission is to facilitate the development and implementation of an interdisciplinary, thematically-based learning program selected by the student.

Students are required to submit a **2-3 page essay** along with their Plan of Study to gain entry into the Liberal Studies Major.

**The primary purpose of the essay is to indicate:**

1) Why you chose this theme and why it interests you
2) How the classes you have chosen relate to your theme
3) What you hope to do with this major in the future

Reflect on OSU’s Learning Goals for Graduates (LGGS), and how your selected courses will help you obtain the skills and knowledge required of all Liberal Studies graduates.

- Competency and Knowledge in Multiple Fields
- Critical Thinking
- Pluralism and Cultural Legacies
- Collaboration
- Social Responsibility and Sustainability
- Communication
- Self-Awareness and Life-Long Learning

Your essay should be:

- Typed, double-spaced, with 1” margins all around
- In a standard 10 or 12-point font
- Free of grammar and spelling errors (have someone proof-read it)
- Marked with your name on the top right hand corner of the paper
- Representative of your writing skills and indicative of the academic maturity needed for self-directed, goal-oriented learning. (You can use the online Writing Center for help).

The result of your plan should be a thematic interdisciplinary field of study that will help you examine and make sense of social, economic, political, and cultural processes and institutions, as well as to make contributions to society through your acquired skills, insights and leadership.