

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

DOMAIN GENERAL EDUCATION (11 Courses Required):

Common Core:	A. ENWR 110 Composition 2	_____
	B. MATH XXX	_____
Domain I:	A. Creative Arts	_____
	B. Humanities	_____
	C. Language	_____
Domain II:	A. Analysis, Modeling, Problem-Solving	_____
	B. Sciences (two; one must be a lab science)	_____
Domain III:	A. Perspectives on the Past	_____
	B. Perspectives on Contemp. World	_____
	C. Global Comp., Eth. Reas., Human Div.	_____

The Bachelor of Arts, with a Major in Liberal Studies is intended as an opportunity to enable students, under faculty-advisor guidance, to design a unique program of study not readily available within the existing curricular structure of the University. This major aims at providing alternative avenues for accommodating the individual academic interest of students. A student may either (a) pursue in-depth study in an area or areas not presently offered as majors at Framingham State University or (b) may choose a broad spectrum of course work among a number of disciplines in lieu of the traditional one- discipline course of study.

Students in this major have the opportunity to experience a broad course of study in the traditional liberal arts and sciences which fosters skills such as conceptual analysis, critical thinking, disciplined writing, creative problem-solving, ethical and moral reasoning, and strong leadership.

Prior Learning Assessment

Students accepted into the Liberal Studies major may choose to apply for Prior Learning Assessment credit (a maximum of eight (8) course-credits). Such credit is awarded through a portfolio assessment process and may be granted for substantive learning that has occurred outside the classroom following high school graduation or completion of the GED.

Credit may be awarded in the following areas:

- Employment
- Community Service
- Independent Learning
- Military Service
- Noncredit Educational Experiences
- Educational Travel

Students who wish to apply for "Prior Learning Assessment" credit must complete the portfolio process within twelve months of matriculation into the Liberal Studies major. "Prior Learning Assessment" credits are only

applicable to the Liberal Studies major at Framingham State University (these credits will be removed from the student's academic record should the student change their major). For additional information regarding the Liberal Studies major, please contact the Liberal Studies coordinator to make an appointment

MAJOR AND RELATED COURSES:

Major Requirements (10):

Two (2) Major Core Requirements:

LIBS 250	Introduction to Liberal Studies
LIBS 450	Seminar in Liberal Studies

Eight (8) Concentration in Individualized Studies:

Eight (8) concentration courses, of which a minimum of five (5) course credits must be completed at the advanced level (300-400). Students must submit an academic plan listing the eight (8) concentration courses for approval to the Liberal Studies Advisory Group prior to starting the desired program. Any changes from the approved academic plan must be submitted to the Liberal Studies Advisory Group for approval prior to enrolling in the course(s).

For additional information regarding the Liberal Studies major, please contact Dr. Kelly Matthews, Liberal Studies Coordinator.

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