

# LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

This worksheet is a guide to supplement your degree audit in Degree Works. All students need 32 FSU course-credits to graduate. For students who change majors or enter FSU with transfer credits your degree audit may appear differently, as previous coursework could fulfill Domains and Free Electives. Please see your Advisor and/or The Advising Center with any questions.

## **DOMAIN GENERAL EDUCATION (11 Courses Required):**

The FSU General Education program consists of 11 requirements. In Liberal Studies all General Education subdomains must be completed through courses taken outside the major department. Only courses designated (Gen. Ed. Domain) after the course title will meet General Education requirements. Please refer to the catalog (p. 341) for full information.

### **Common Core**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. ENWR 110 Composition II  
\_\_\_\_\_ B. MATH/STAT XXX (credit-bearing): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Domain I**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Creative Arts: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ B. Humanities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ C. Language: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Domain II**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Analysis, Modeling, Problem-Solving: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ B. Natural Sciences (2): Non-Lab Science: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lab Science: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Domain III**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. Perspectives on the Past: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ B. Perspectives on Contemporary World: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ C. Global Competency, Ethical Reasoning,  
and/or Human Diversity: \_\_\_\_\_

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 COURSES (10):**

#### **Major Core Requirements (2):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ LIBS 250 Introduction to Liberal Studies  
\_\_\_\_\_ LIBS 450 Seminar in Liberal Studies

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Students **MUST** choose one of the following concentrations.

**Concentration in General Studies (ULIG) (8):**

Eight (8) concentration courses from at least two (2) but no more than three (3) major academic departments. A total of five (5) course-credits from at least two (2) academic departments must be completed at the advanced level (300-400), two (2) of which must be taken at FSU.

**Concentration in Individualized Studies (8):**

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).

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**FREE ELECTIVES (1-11): May be used toward a minor**

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