Overview

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts program combines coursework in communications, economics, political science, sociology, and humanities to provide a broad-based liberal arts education. Through this well-rounded curriculum, you learn effective writing and verbal communication, problem solving, and analytical thinking skills. Our liberal arts degree prepares you to apply for a range of opportunities and positions in a variety of industries.

This flexible online liberal arts degree program allows you to select courses that best suit your interests and career objectives. You can pursue an educational experience that is stimulated by your interests in the subject you most enjoy. After building a foundation in a broad range of skills, you are prepared to specialize in a discipline specific to your career pursuits by completing a degree minor.

This bachelor’s degree completion program, the first online liberal arts degree to be offered from a Colorado university, broadens your opportunities to get a high quality education that is flexible enough to fit into your life—no matter where you live, what your schedule is, or where you are in your life and career.

In addition to foundational coursework, a minor is required for completion of the program. Students are able to choose from six minors, including business administration, sociology, anthropology, economics, media studies, and political science, allowing you to tailor your degree to your personal interests and career goals.

After receiving my AA from Colorado Mountain College, I faced the dilemma of which college to attend for my BA. I did not look forward to driving to classes several times each week and moving was not an option. When I learned about CSU’s online Liberal Arts degree program, I was thrilled.

Cheryl Varvil
Graduate

Delivery

Online

Credits

120 credits
Previous college credits must be transferred into the program. Contact us for details.

Tuition

$419 per credit; financial aid is available

Time Frame

Varies based on intensity of study and previous coursework

Degree Awarded

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts

Offered By

College of Liberal Arts

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Minimum Admission Requirements

- Previous college credit must be transferred into the program, and minimum credits required can vary depending on previous coursework completed. Although this program works particularly well for students who have completed an associate’s degree with an emphasis in liberal arts, it is not required for admittance into this program.
- 2.0 cumulative GPA (2.5 cumulative GPA preferred) from all coursework previously completed
- Satisfy admission requirement in mathematics
- High school graduation or equivalent

Completion Requirements

- A minimum of 120 credit hours
- 42 upper-division credits (300 to 400-level), at least 30 must be earned at Colorado State University
- The number of courses you need to complete your degree depends primarily on how many previous credits transfer which is determined prior to applying for admission.

Curriculum

Advanced Writing (4 credits required)
- JTC 300 – Professional and Technical Communication (3 cr)
- LB 200 – Research Methods (1 cr)

Liberal Arts Upper Division Electives (18 credits)
- E 436 – American Fiction, 1945 – Present (3 cr)
- ECON 304 – Intermediate Macroeconomics (3 cr)
- ECON 306 – Intermediate Microeconomics (3 cr)
- ECON 315 – Money and Banking (3 cr)
- ECON 320 – Economics of Public Finance (3 cr)
- ECON 335 – Introduction to Econometrics (3 cr)
- GR 320 – Cultural Geography (3 cr)
- JTC 300 – Professional and Technical Communication (3 cr)
- JTC 301 – Business Communication (3 cr)
- JTC 326 – Online Writing and Journalism (3 cr)
- JTC 340 – Digital Video Editing (3 cr)
- JTC 350 – Public Relations (3 cr)
- JTC 361 – Writing for Specialized Magazines (3 cr)
- JTC 372 – Web Design and Management (3 cr)
- JTC 411 – Media Ethics and Issues (3 cr)
- JTC 413 – New Communication Technologies and Society (3 cr)
- MU 332 – History of Jazz (3 cr)
- MU 333 – History of Rock and Roll (3 cr)
- POLS 302 – U.S. Political Parties and Elections (3 cr)
- POLS 361 – U.S. Environmental Politics and Policy (3 cr)
- POLS 420 – History of Political Thought (3 cr)
- POLS 437 – International Security (3 cr)
- SOC 330 – Social Stratification (3 cr)
- SOC 332 – Comparative Majority-Minority Relations (3 cr)
- SPCM 350 – Evaluating Contemporary Film (3 cr)
- SPCM 378 – Virtual Workplace Communication (3 cr)
- SPCM 420 – Political Communication (3 cr)

Arts & Humanities/Social Sciences (12 credits)
Choose four classes: ECON 202, ECON 204, ECON 211, GR 10, MU 100, PHIL 103, POLS 101, POLS 103, POLS 241, or SOC 100.

Degree Minor (21-24 credits)
Choose an approved minor including Anthropology, Business Administration, Economics, Media Studies, Political Science, or Sociology.

Depth & Integration
Select at least one class (3 credits) from the following: ECON 306, POLS 302, POLS 420, SOC 311, SPCM 341 or SPCM 350.

Capstone
- LB 492 – Liberal Arts Capstone Seminar (3 cr)