LOS ANGELES PACIFIC
UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in
# LIBERAL STUDIES

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies is an innovative accelerated teaching degree program designed to help prospective elementary school and special education teachers complete their bachelor's degree while gaining valuable subject matter preparation for a successful teaching career. The program equips experienced adult students, many of whom are working in classrooms as paraeducators, to draw upon their rich experiences in school settings.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Pursue K–8 teaching or counseling credentials; choose from a variety of career fields, including consulting, counseling, customer service/sales, government jobs, human resources, librarianship, public relations, and social work. Graduates will be well prepared to sit for the California Subject Examination for Teachers CSET (Multiple Subjects.).

## Highlights

- Demonstrate subject-matter competence by passing the CSET (Multiple Subjects)
- Use your understanding of strengths, learning styles, and temperaments to assess K–8 student needs
- Integrate perspectives of diversity and learning needs into a teaching philosophy and classroom practices, demonstrating cultural responsiveness
- Develop a research-based philosophy of education
- Analyze problems and present solutions through skillful oral and written communication

## At A Glance

**Program Credits**

General Education Core: **31**
Major Requirements: **42**
Electives: **47**
Total Credits to Graduate: **120**

**Cost Per Credit: $450**

# COURSEWORK

LAPU's B.A. in Liberal Studies degree requires the following coursework. For more information, please visit: *lapu.edu/programs/ba-liberal-studies/program-details*

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| **General Education Core** 31 Credits | Students pursuing any of LAPU's bachelor's degrees are encouraged to complete the General Education Core before starting their major requirements. Prior coursework from regionally accredited colleges/universities may be transferred to meet the General Education Core requirements. View the LAPU Undergraduate Catalog for course details. | | |

In order to earn the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree, students must complete the following required courses while achieving a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 in their major courses.

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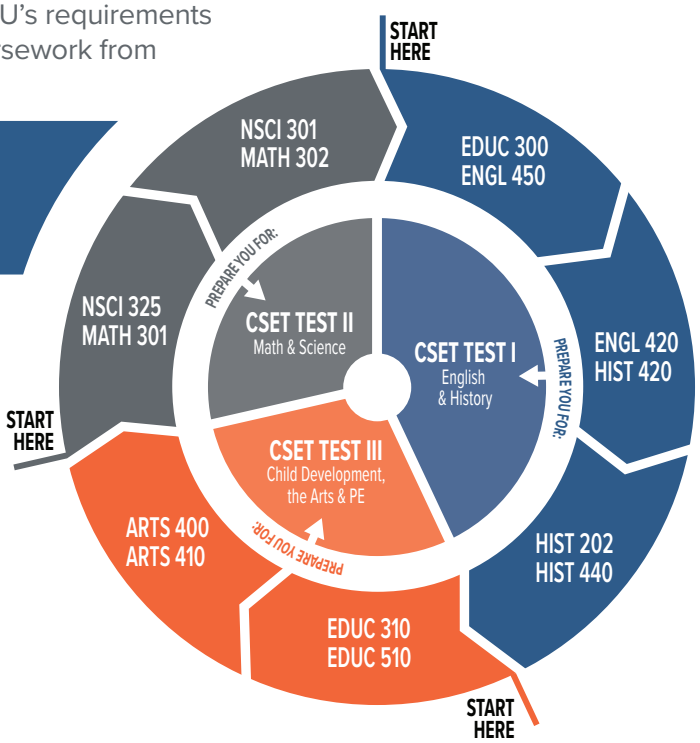
| **Major Requirements** 42 credits | **ARTS 400** | Visual Arts for the Elementary Teacher | 3 |
| | **ARTS 410** | Performing Arts for the Elementary Teacher | 3 |
| | **EDUC 300** | Introduction to Elementary Education | 3 |
| | **EDUC 310** | Human Growth and Development for Educators | 3 |
| | **EDUC 510** | P.E., Health, and Safety for Elementary Teachers | 3 |
| | **ENGL 420** | Principles of Language | 3 |
| | **ENGL 450** | Children's Literature | 3 |
| | **HIST 202** | World Civilizations | 3 |
| | **HIST 420** | United States History and the Constitution | 3 |
| | **HIST 440** | California History | 3 |
| | **MATH 301** | Math for the Elementary Teacher I | 3 |
| | **MATH 302** | Math for the Elementary Teacher II | 3 |
| | **NSCI 301** | Life Science | 3 |
| | **NSCI 325** | Physical, Earth, and Space Sciences | 3 |
| **Electives** 47 credits | Students may choose from any 100-400 level course in the LAPU Academic Catalog. Students may also choose a 15-credit Concentration as part of their Electives. | | |
| | | **Total** | **120 credits** |

Students may also apply credit toward the fulfillment of LAPU's requirements through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) and previous coursework from regionally accredited colleges/universities.

# COURSE SEQUENCE AND THE CSET

The B.A. in Liberal Studies program is designed to assist students with the content knowledge needed to pass the CSET Multiple Subjects Exam. This is the exam required for teaching at the elementary and special education levels.

The graphic to the right represents the preferred sequence for upper division courses to maximize preparation for each of the 3 CSET tests. There are **3 ideal places** to begin the sequence for students who plan to take the CSET.





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