

# Liberal Studies

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The College of Liberal Arts offers a general degree in Liberal Studies for students who are not able to select a single discipline that would meet their professional goals and interests. This major program offers two tracks: Humanities and Social Sciences. The major in Liberal Studies is essentially self-designed, other than some common writing intensive coursework and a course that emphasizes critical thinking. It is purposely flexible so students can develop a program of study that will help them achieve a specific personal or professional goal that might be unrelated to a traditional discipline.

The Liberal Studies major was designed to meet the unique needs of working adults who may have delayed college or who are returning after a long absence from school. Courses are offered year-round at Main Campus, Ambler Campus, Online, and at Temple Center City. Students may combine locations as their schedule dictates.

## Program

- Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (<http://bulletin.temple.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/liberal-studies/ba-liberal-studies>)

## Courses

### **CLA 1001. The CLA First Year Experience. 1 Credit Hour.**

The CLA First Year Experience introduces students to the rich diversity of opportunities and resources available to them both university wide and especially in the College of Liberal Arts. The course is designed to help students in making the often-difficult transition to college life and college level coursework. The primary goal of the course is to give students the tools to make responsible decisions about their academic careers and better understand how to navigate the complex university system. This course covers a wide array of topics, including: time management, study skills, major/minor selection, internship opportunities, study abroad programs, faculty guidance and course planning/sequencing. It uses student-initiated goals as the context through which to view these topics and many other areas critical to success in the first year of college and beyond.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

### **CLA 1002. Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors. 1 Credit Hour.**

Given the rapidly changing nature of the world economy, a degree in the liberal arts has never been more valuable. This seminar will focus on how you as a student in the College of Liberal Arts can best leverage your unique skills to prepare for a career in a broad array of fields, including government, non-profit, corporate, human services, and education. You will participate in group discussions, exercises, and projects that will help you determine which sectors and occupations best match your interests and aptitudes. You will also learn what coursework and additional credentials might enhance the likelihood of obtaining the type of position you want. You will develop an application-ready résumé and will be well prepared for networking and professional interviews. Upon successful completion of this course you will possess the ability to communicate effectively and professionally and to employ different strategies to search for internship and career opportunities.

**College Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Liberal Arts.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

### **CLA 1009. Discovering the Liberal Arts. 2 Credit Hours.**

The courses in this series provide a sweeping overview of the liberal arts curriculum and connections with the world of work. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students are exposed to examples of the content as well as the tools of the disciplines while learning how a liberal arts education translates into a career in business, law, health care, education, government and more. Each time the courses are offered they focus on a particular theme such as popular culture, conflict resolution and globalization, and faculty from a variety of departments are invited to present their perspectives. **NOTE:** Participation in a Discovery Series course helps students acquire a better understanding of the liberal arts majors and associated careers, and the skills needed to plan an effective course of study.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 1010. Special Topics in Liberal Arts. 1 Credit Hour.**

Specific topics vary each semester and will be listed in the schedule of classes. Contact instructor for more information. This course will count as a free elective towards graduation but does not fulfill distribution or major requirements for any major in the liberal arts.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 1019. Discovering the American Legal System. 2 Credit Hours.**

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 1234. Life Experience Portfolio. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.**

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program may apply for up to six general elective credits for relevant life experience. There is a variety of work that may be considered for life experiences: professional work experience, published papers, articles, books, or creative works, as well as non-credited certificate programs completed prior to matriculation in the program.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 1701. The Washington Center Leadership Forum. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is restricted to participation in The Washington Center program. Students participate in a combination of academic seminars and intern in the Washington DC area. More details can be found at [www.cla.temple.edu/ipa](http://www.cla.temple.edu/ipa).

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 1801. Career Seminar in the Liberal Arts. 3 Credit Hours.**

Specially designed workshops will walk students through the various stages of career search strategies: informational interviewing, identifying appropriate positions, writing effective cover letters and resumes, obtaining references, and identifying employer expectations and interview preparation, all in a way that helps the student identify and promote the skills learned in their liberal arts major(s). This course examines several workplace settings including: working in the non-profit sector, corporate environment, research, education, and mental health facilities. Most sections of this course will include 3 or more of these modules, depending on student interest.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 1919. Honors Discovering the American Legal System. 2 Credit Hours.**

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 2010. Special Topics in Liberal Arts I. 1 Credit Hour.**

Specific topics vary each semester. Contact department chair for information.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 2020. Special Topics in Liberal Arts II. 2 Credit Hours.**

Specific topics vary each semester. Contact department chair for information.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 2030. Special Topics in Liberal Arts III. 3 Credit Hours.**

Specific topics vary each semester. Contact department chair for information.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 2096. Approaches to Liberal Studies. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed to serve as an introduction to interdisciplinary studies in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program and will focus on a particular facet of American culture. Through course readings and occasional screenings this course will trace out the key concepts and debates within a liberal arts discipline. This course may take a disciplinary approach (How do sociologists think about a variety of social problems?) or might look at a theme from multiple disciplines (What are the shifting definitions of stardom?). This writing intensive course will reintroduce Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies students to the critical thinking, writing, and research skills that are fundamental to upper level courses in the liberal arts and should be taken within the first year of the major.

**Course Attributes:** WI

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 2685. Internship. 1 to 12 Credit Hour.**

Consult with instructor.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 2701. The Washington Center Seminar. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is restricted to participation in The Washington Center program. Students participate in a combination of academic seminars and intern in the Washington DC area. More details can be found at [www.cla.temple.edu/ipa](http://www.cla.temple.edu/ipa).

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 2785. The Washington Center Internship. 3 to 9 Credit Hours.**

This course is restricted to participation in The Washington Center program. Students participate in a combination of academic seminars and intern in the Washington DC area. More details can be found at [www.cla.temple.edu/ipa](http://www.cla.temple.edu/ipa).

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 3075. Corporate Interdisciplinary Seminar. 3 Credit Hours.**

Drawing on the literature from the disciplines of sociology, psychology, economics, history and others, this interdisciplinary seminar is the academic component accompanying an internship in the corporate sector for CLA juniors and seniors. It will appeal to those students interested in future employment in for-profit companies regardless of CLA major. These upper division students will learn to understand the importance and relevance in corporate settings of the skills developed through their liberal arts academic experience. NOTE: Junior or senior standing in CLA (preference given to seniors); 3.0 cumulative GPA; approval of instructor required.

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 3085. Corporate Interdisciplinary Internship. 3 Credit Hours.**

In this internship, Liberal Arts students will have the opportunity to work for ten hours a week in a for-profit industry such as financial services, healthcare, insurance, technology, human services, and communication. They will work and interact with a variety of departments including legal, human resources, marketing, public relations, technology, customer service, and community relations. NOTE: Junior or senior standing in CLA (preference given to seniors); 3.0 cumulative GPA; approval of instructor required.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 3385. Diamond Peer Teachers - Internship I. 1 Credit Hour.**

The Diamond Peer Teachers Program provides students with a mentored university-level teaching experience in their major. Course requirements include participation in the three-day pre-semester Teaching Institute and regular participation in the Peer Teachers support group throughout the semester. Peer Teachers provide supplemental instruction in first- and second-year courses, promote student engagement, and model successful study habits and academic preparedness for students with whom they work. For Diamond Peer Teachers only.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 3386. Diamond Peer Teachers - Internship II. 1 Credit Hour.**

The Diamond Peer Teachers Program provides students with a mentored university-level teaching experience in their major. Course requirements include participation in the three-day pre-semester Teaching Institute and regular participation in the Peer Teachers support group throughout the semester. Peer Teachers provide supplemental instruction in first- and second-year courses, promote student engagement, and model successful study habits and academic preparedness for students with whom they work. For Diamond Peer Teachers only.

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 3900. Honors Interdisciplinary Special Topics I. 3 Credit Hours.**

Variable offerings on special topics that explore topics or issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. Check with the Honors Program office and/or web site ([www.temple.edu/honors](http://www.temple.edu/honors)) for details on Special Topics courses. NOTE: Restricted to Honors students only.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 4900. Honors Interdisciplinary Special Topics II. 3 Credit Hours.**

Variable offerings on special topics that explore topics or issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. Check with the Honors Program office and/or web site ([www.temple.edu/honors](http://www.temple.edu/honors)) for details on Special Topics courses.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 4901. Honors Interdisciplinary Research Methods. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed for upper-level Honors students interested in developing an interdisciplinary research project. This course introduces the student to the techniques and disciplines used in interdisciplinary research in addition to how to design such research, how to communicate with specialists in other fields, and how to use existing sources of data to address an interdisciplinary problem or issue selected by the student. Students will be able to pursue research topics of their own design, and use this course to develop the topic of their Honors Thesis.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 4902. Honors Interdisciplinary Thesis. 3 Credit Hours.**

Designed as a continuation of Liberal Arts 4901, this course provides the student support during the development of the research project, the writing, completion, and presentation of the Honors Thesis project in interdisciplinary studies.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 4910. Honors Humanities Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.**

Variable offerings on special topics that explore topics or issues in the humanities. Check with the Honors Program office and/or web site ([www.temple.edu/honors](http://www.temple.edu/honors)) for details on Special Topics courses.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 4911. Honors Humanities Research Methods. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed for upper-level Honors students majoring in the humanities. The course focuses on the research methods common to disciplines in the humanities and provides experiences in developing a meaningful research question, understanding the basic tools available, and developing an individual research project. Students will be able to pursue research topics of their own design, and use this course to develop the topic of their Honors Thesis.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 4912. Honors Humanities Thesis. 3 Credit Hours.**

Designed as a continuation of Liberal Arts 4911, this course provides the student support during the development of the research project, the writing, completion, and presentation of the Honors Thesis project in the humanities.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 4920. Honors Social Science Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.**

Variable offerings on special topics that explore topics or issues in the social sciences. Check with the Honors Program office and/or web site ([www.temple.edu/honors](http://www.temple.edu/honors)) for details on Special Topics courses.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may be repeated for additional credit.

**CLA 4921. Honors Social Science Research Methods. 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed for upper-level Honors students majoring in the social sciences. The course focuses on the research methods common to disciplines in the social sciences and provides experiences in developing a meaningful research question, understanding the basic tools available, and developing an individual research project. Students will be able to pursue research topics of their own design, and use this course to develop the topic of their Honors Thesis.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

**CLA 4922. Honors Social Science Thesis. 3 Credit Hours.**

Designed as a continuation of Liberal Arts 4921, this course provides the student support during the development of the research project, the writing, completion, and presentation of the Honors Thesis project in the social sciences.

**Cohort Restrictions:** Must be enrolled in one of the following Cohorts: SCHONORS, UHONORS, UHONORSTR.

**Course Attributes:** HO

**Repeatability:** This course may not be repeated for additional credits.