

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN Liberal Studies

📍 ON CAMPUS | ★ BLENDED

Mercer University's **Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies** prepares working adults for career change, professional advancement, graduate school admissions, and professional education such as law school, while providing personal enrichment. Through an interdisciplinary model of learning, students study across multiple disciplines. The curriculum enhances students' ability to think constructively about themselves, their society, and the world. To compile their learning experiences, students create an ePortfolio that they can use as a career portfolio to showcase their skills in future professional settings.

Students work closely with a faculty advisor to customize their degree to align with their career goals and maximize previously earned college credit. By designing a major from a variety of concentrations, students develop the communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills required in today's workplace. Degree concentrations include:

- American Studies
- Communication Studies
- Education Studies
- Historical Studies
- Humanities
- Literary Studies
- Mathematics
- Religious Studies
- Science
- Self-Designed Major
- Social Science
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Writing

ON-CAMPUS AND BLENDED OPTIONS

Students can pursue the B.A. in Liberal Studies through evening classes at Mercer's Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, or Macon location, or through a blended combination of online and in-person evening classes. Courses are structured in eight-week terms. On-campus classes meet one night per week, and students can comfortably take two classes per week while maintaining a work-life balance.

Career Opportunities

According to research findings by the Association of American Colleges & Universities, employers seek employees who show a capacity for new learning, demonstrate oral and written communication abilities, and can work in diverse and intercultural environments. Mercer's B.A. in Liberal Studies equips students with these competencies and prepares them for various career pathways.

Immediately pursue roles in fields such as:

- Government and Public Service
- Legal
- Nonprofit
- Politics
- Professional Ministry
- Writing and Editing

Be prepared for graduate and professional study in areas such as:

- History
- Law
- Literature
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Theology

MERCER
UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF
PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

PROGRAM OF STUDY

B.A. in Liberal Studies

Foundations in Major (18 hours)

LBST 210	The Idea of the University
LBST 250	Arts and Ideas I: Ancient and Medieval Culture OR
LBST 255	Arts and Ideas II: Modern Culture
LBST 275	Argument: Social Thought and Citizenship OR
LBST 280	Argument: Public Discourse and Citizenship
LBST 310	Liberal Studies Thinking and Writing
LBST 360	Critical Approaches to Interdisciplinary Inquiry
LBST 498	Liberal Studies Capstone

Concentrations (24 hours)

Students may choose one concentration consisting of eight courses or 24 hours, or two concentrations consisting of four courses or 12 hours each from the following:

- American Studies
- Humanities
- Social Science
- Communication
- Literary Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Education Studies
- Religious Studies
- Writing
- Historical Studies
- Science

Individualized Studies

With advisor approval, students may design a program of study from other courses offered in the College of Professional Advancement to align with personal interests and career goals.

Total major requirements: 42 hours

General education: 39 hours

Electives: 39 hours

Total degree requirements: 120 hours

Students with prior professional experience may have the opportunity to apply to complete a portfolio assessment. Upon completion, review, and approval of the assessment, students may receive a maximum of 12 semester hours of credit.

Admission to Program

Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale). The program admits students five times per year in January, March, May, August, and October. Applicants may be eligible to transfer credits toward the degree. Learn more and apply at workingadults.mercer.edu.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- High school or GED transcript (if applicable)
- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee (\$50 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

A Top-Ranked Leader in Education

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is one of America's most distinctive universities. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the nation—including a “Best Value”—and The Princeton Review consistently ranks Mercer in the **Top 15%** of colleges and universities nationwide.

Students are taught by expert professors who combine class instruction with relevant work experience. Through personal attention and support, students are empowered to achieve their educational and career goals.

Mercer University's College of Professional Advancement continues the University's long-standing commitment to serving professional students seeking advancement into leadership roles in their careers. Distinctive interdisciplinary undergraduate, graduate, and workforce development programs merge theory and practice to help students solve problems and add value in the workplace.



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