BACHELOR OF ARTS IN

Liberal Studies



Mercer University's **Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies** fosters personal enrichment while also preparing working adults for career change, professional advancement, graduate school, and professional education such as law school. Through the Liberal Studies interdisciplinary model of learning, students develop the communication, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills required to be successful in any field.

Students work closely with a faculty advisor to customize their degree to align with their career goals and maximize previously earned college credit.

Degree concentrations include:

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

PROGRAM DETAILS

Format: Online or blended combination of online and on-campus courses

Locations: Online, Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon

Start Terms: January, March, May, August, and October

Course Length: 8 weeks

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COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Program of Study

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

Self-Designed 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 Requirements

Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants may be eligible to transfer credits toward the degree.

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.

BECOME A DOUBLE BEAR
Special Consideration Program

Students in Mercer's B.A. in Liberal Studies program may be eligible to continue their education through the Special Consideration Program and gain priority admission consideration and a Double Bear Scholarship for eligible graduate programs.

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