

New Undergraduate Program (Majors, Minors, Sequences) Proposal
Illinois State University - University Curriculum Committee

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Title of New Program Liberal Studies Sequence

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1. Proposed Action

- New Major
- New Minor
- ✓ New Sequence
- More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

No Is this program an Integrated Bachelors/Masters degree program?

Sequence Major
NA

2. Provide Undergraduate Catalog copy for new program.

Liberal Studies provides opportunities for students to build a concentration of coursework to create a major of interest. It is intended for the student who is seeking a baccalaureate degree without the specialization of a traditional major. The student chooses the focus of the program by determining the departments or schools in which they wish to pursue advanced work. Students who complete the Liberal Studies Sequence will earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree and have their transcripts noted: "Plan: Interdisciplinary Studies; Sub-plan: Liberal Studies Sequence."

Students in the Liberal Studies sequence must have an approved plan of study and complete a minimum of 9 credit hours in the major at the 300-level. The plan of study is designed with three options for completion:

- 36 credit hours within a specific department or
- 36 hours across multiple departments with a theme or
- 18 hours each in 2 disciplines

3. Provide a description for the proposed program.

The Liberal Studies sequence is a combination of the University Studies requirements and the Multi-disciplinary Studies sequences. It gives students 3 options to complete the sequence. Students will work with an advisor to develop a plan of study to meet all degree requirements.

4. Provide a rationale of proposed program.

The Liberal Studies sequences was created (merging University Studies & Multi-disciplinary sequence) to address the academic situations that some students find themselves in.

- 36 credit hours within a specific department: Some students will complete a significant number of hours in one department and decide they do not want to finish the rest of the major (eg. internship requirements). This option will allow students to graduate if they have met all degree requirements.
- 36 hours across multiple departments with a theme: ISU has a significant number of students who reach 75 credit hours without being admitted into a specific major. These students can often find a theme for the classes completed and build upon the theme to complete the degree. This sequence may also be ideal for students who have switched majors multiple times.
- 18 hours each in 2 disciplines: This option is ideal for a student who has two minors and no majors. They can combine the minors to make a degree program. For example, a student could minor in both African American Studies and International Business to form this degree. If the student completes this sequence, they will have 1 major and not receive credit for 2 minors on the transcript.

5. Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).

None

6. Provide a sample four year plan of study demonstrating that a student could realistically complete the program requirements in a specific number of semesters.

IDS major sequences do not provide plans of study due to varying courses.

7. Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses have also been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:

None

8. Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.

None

9. No Does this program count for teacher education?

10. Yes Is this an Interdisciplinary Studies program?

List all departments who share in the administration of this program.

Interdisciplinary Studies

11. The following questions must be answered.

No Have you confirmed that Milner Library has sufficient resources for the proposed program?

Explain why Milner Library has not been contacted.

Students will not be in any one specific discipline, so identifying library resources is impossible.

- No** Are more than 120 hours required to complete a degree with this major?
- No** Beyond General Education, does the major require more than 66 semester hours?
- No** Does this sequence (if in a major) require more than 55 semester hours of major courses?
- No** Does this program stipulate specific general education courses offered in the major department/school as a part of the major requirements only if such courses serve as prerequisites for other courses required by the major?
- No** Is the proposed program intended to be longer than four years (as indicated by the plan of study)?
- N.A.** Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?
A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.

12. Routing and action summary for New Program:

1. Interdisciplinary Studies Department Curriculum Committee Chair

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4. University Curriculum Committee Chair

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