


BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LIBERAL STUDIES

(Currently Not Accepting Enrollments)

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Description and Outcomes

Effective November 11, 2020, this program will no longer be accepting enrollments. Students interested in a similar program may consider the Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/multidisciplinary-professional-studies/professional-studies-bs/>).

If you have prior learning credit and are interested in creating a program to meet personal and professional interests, consider the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies program. The degree-completion program allows you to receive credit for eligible prior learning, which may include transfer credit from an accredited institution, military training, or other experiential learning.

During the first term of study, you will develop an Individualized Learning Plan under the guidance of a faculty advisor. The Individualized Learning Plan contains a career goal statement and outlines the coursework you will complete as part of your degree plan. With the assistance of your faculty advisor, you will choose up to two focus areas that align with your professional and personal goals. You will be required to write a one-paragraph goal statement explaining your rationale for choosing the area(s) of focus and submit it to your faculty advisor for approval.

You will complete the core and major requirements outlined in the degree plan and may choose elective courses that support the educational goals developed in your Individualized Learning Plan.

Upon graduation, you may find career opportunities in a variety of fields based on the individualized design of the program.

If you have already completed an associate's or bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, you may be eligible for degree requirements to be waived and replaced with advanced start credit. Refer to Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.

Concentration

A concentration in leadership is also available within the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies and is designed to prepare you with knowledge and skills to lead others in diverse settings.

Program Length

The Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours, including the standard general education requirements. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be awarded a bachelor of science degree.

Accelerated Master's Degree Options

If you are interested in earning a master's degree, consider an accelerated master's degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements ([https://](https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences/)

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Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Occupational Specialization: Apply program-specific interests and general education knowledge to the development of an approved individualized degree plan designed for a specific career or professional occupation.
2. Interdisciplinary Core: Use the interdisciplinary approach to learning to successfully complete a student-selected, focused sequence of elective coursework.
3. Professional Competencies: Use critical thinking and effective communications in locating, presenting, and analyzing information.
4. Cultural and Diversity Awareness: Demonstrate an understanding of individual and cultural differences and effective collaboration with colleagues of diverse backgrounds.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/>) section of this Catalog.


Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accrreditation-approvals-memberships/>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Please refer to the Policy Information (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information/>) section for general Purdue Global policies.

Progression Requirements

If you enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies leadership specialization, you will have the prerequisite for MT302  Organizational Behavior waived.


Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accrreditation/licensure-state-authorizations/>) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

















Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

Degree Plan

The  icon appears in the title of traditional courses that are also available as a set of module courses. Module course availability may be limited to certain academic calendars. See Course Types (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/approach-to-learning/>) for information about module courses.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
CM107	 College Composition I	5
CM220	 College Composition II	5
CS204	Professionalism - Theory and Practice in the Global Workplace	3
Mathematics (select one of the following):		5
MM150	 Survey of Mathematics	
MM212	 College Algebra	
Arts and Humanities (select one of the following):		5
HU200	 Arts and Humanities - Modern Creative Expressions	
HU245	 Ethics	
HU250	 Humanities and Culture	
Science (select one of the following):		5
SC200	 Discovering Science - Current Issues in a Changing World	
SC235	 Human Biology	
SC246	 Fundamentals of Microbiology	
SC250	 Fundamentals of Science	
Social Science (select one of the following):		5
SS236	 American Government	
SS250	 Technology and Society	
Total Core Requirements		33
Major Requirements		
CM115	Communication - Concepts and Skills ¹	5
HU245	 Ethics ¹	5
MM207	 Statistics ¹	5
PS124	 Introduction to Psychology ¹	5
SC115	Principles of Nutrition ¹	5
100/200 Level	Major Electives ¹	15
CM310	Communication and Conflict	6
HU345	Critical Thinking	6
SS360	American Women	6
300/400 Level	Major Electives (see below)	24

LI499	Bachelor's Capstone in Liberal Studies	6
Total Major Requirements		88
Open Elective Requirements		
Open Electives ²		59
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TOTAL CREDITS		180

¹ These degree requirements can be waived for students who are eligible for advanced start credit with a prior degree. See Advanced Start Credit in Bachelor's Degrees (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/prior-learning/advanced-start-credit-bachelors-degrees/>) for details.



² Eligible students who choose to complete an accelerated master's degree option will take four graduate-level courses in addition to selected undergraduate electives.

Concentration Requirements

Concentration courses are completed within the major electives requirement of the degree plan.

Students in this program are not required to select a concentration.

Leadership

Code	Title	Credits
CM460	Strategic Communication	6
LI410	Leadership in Practice	6
MT302	 Organizational Behavior	6
MT340	 Conflict Management and Team Dynamics	6
TOTAL CREDITS		24