BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
LIBERAL STUDIES

Description and Outcomes
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 a regionally or nationally 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-assessment/advanced-start-credit-
bachelors-degrees) in the Prior Learning Assessment section 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 in human services, legal
studies, psychology, or public administration, consider an accelerated
master’s degree option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (https://
catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/social-behavioral-sciences)
section for details.

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 undergraduate School of General Education (https://
catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/generic-education) 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/accreditation-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 nongovernmental
certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized
occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global’s programs are not designed
to meet any specific state’s licensure or certification requirements. If
certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly
listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the
licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or
professions. 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,
meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

Degree Plan
Program Requirements

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<td>CS204</td>
<td>Professionalism - Theory and Practice in the Global Workplace</td>
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Mathematics (select one of the following):

- MM150 Survey of Mathematics
- MM212 College Algebra

Arts and Humanities (select one of the following):

- HU200 Arts and Humanities - Modern Creative Expressions
- HU245 Ethics
- HU250 Humanities and Culture

Science (select one of the following):

- SC200 Discovering Science - Current Issues in a Changing World
- SC235 General Biology I - Human Perspectives
- SC246 Fundamentals of Microbiology
- SC250 Fundamentals of Science

Social Science (select one of the following):

- SS211 The 1960s - Reshaping the American Dream
- SS236 People, Power, and Politics - An Introduction to American Government
- SS250 The Technological Revolution - A Social Scientific Approach

Total Core Requirements: 33 credits

Major Requirements

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<td>LI499</td>
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Total Major Requirements: 88 credits

Open Elective Requirements

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TOTAL CREDITS: 180 credits

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 in the Prior Learning Assessment section 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 area.

Leadership

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TOTAL CREDITS: 24 credits