

# How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University

Hutchins School of Liberal Studies

The Hutchins School of Liberal Studies is a school within the larger institution of Sonoma State University and offers a unique way to complete the general education requirement. Students complete all general education requirements (except math) in four courses, one each semester through an interdisciplinary, theme-oriented focus. The four courses are: The Human Enigma, In Search of Self, Exploring the Unknown, and Challenge and Response in the Modern World.

These courses cover important issues and areas of inquiry ranging from literature, arts and media, psychology, social and cultural history, the sciences, philosophy, anthropology and contemporary affairs. Learning to learn, small seminar classes and close cooperation and feeling of community among students and faculty are highlights of this program. While completing general education in the Hutchins Program, elective courses of choice and pre-major requirements in other departments at SSU will be taken.

In his book, *How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University*, Dr. Martin Nemko cites an external review of Sonoma State's Hutchins School of Liberal Studies, "**Hutchins is not only one of the more enduring, but one of the best interdisciplinary undergraduate programs in the country.**" The small seminars that teach students to listen, to rethink their position, to reexamine their personal values, to develop critical thinking skills, and to become intellectually engaged as well as verbally articulate, and the curricular emphasis on values and ethics strike me as the keys to its success. To the outside observer, Hutchins is not only the most nationally significant feature of Sonoma State University; it is one of the most impressive features of the entire CSU system."

After completing the general education seminar-based program, students can continue into the Liberal Studies major or transfer to another major at SSU. To learn more about Hutchins, visit [www.sonoma.edu/hutchins](http://www.sonoma.edu/hutchins) or call (707) 664-2491.