

# LIBERAL STUDIES - THROUGH SOCIAL SCIENCES

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## Programs Offered

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Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

Napa Valley College

Solano Community College Vallejo Center

## Overview

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Sonoma State University offers an upper-division program based at the Napa Valley College campus and Solano Community College Vallejo Center, leading to a Bachelor of Arts in liberal studies. The program offers a wide variety of Sonoma State University courses from the areas of social sciences, arts and humanities, and science and technology, while providing a flexible schedule for adult students or others who cannot come to the main campus.

Application, registration and advising for these programs are conducted through the School of Extended and International Education.

This Special Sessions program is a partnership between the School of Social Sciences, and the School of Extended & International Education (SEIE), with courses hosted at Napa Valley College and Solano Community College. As a self-support program, unique, separate fees are charged on a per-unit basis for all courses required for this program. These fees are set annually by the SSU President. Information about fees, admission requirements, and student support services is available through SEIE. Academic criteria for the program are determined in accordance with all applicable SSU and CSU policies. Degrees are awarded by the School of Social Sciences.

## Learning Objectives

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Liberal Studies graduates will have well-developed Skills in:

1. Oral and Written communication
2. Synthesizing information from many sources
3. Collaborative learning

## Careers in Liberal Studies

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The Liberal Studies major provides a wide exposure to ideas drawn from the social sciences, arts, humanities, science, and technology, giving excellent preparation for careers in teaching, the legal profession, social services, nonprofit organizations, or business, as well as graduate work in the social sciences and humanities. The versatility of Liberal Studies graduates makes them able to easily move into new opportunities as they arise.

## Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

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Requirements for the major (includes 9-unit upper-division general education requirement), chosen in consultation with an Advisor:

Arts and Humanities Courses	16
Social Science Courses (includes a senior portfolio)	16
Natural Science and Technology Courses	6
Electives (drawn from above areas or in consultation with advisor)	12
<b>Total Units in Major</b>	<b>50</b>

## Requirements

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1. Completion of 60 or more transferable units. (SSU accepts up to 70 community college semester units of course credit.)
2. Completion of at least 30 units of general education according to the SSU pattern, including all 9 units required in Category A – Written/Oral Analysis, Critical Thinking, and Composition, along with both the Science Laboratory requirement and the Mathematics requirement in Category B – Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
3. Students with previous coursework from an accredited four-year college may petition for up to 12 units of elective credit toward the major.
4. We strongly suggest completing all lower-division general education and all 70 transfer units before joining the program.

## Application to Program

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Information sessions are held locally every semester. See the Information Sessions link on the SEIE website at [web.sonoma.edu/exed/](http://web.sonoma.edu/exed/). Applications are accepted for both Fall and Spring semesters.

Pre-admissions advising is available at your community college or through the Program Advisor.

## Sample Four-Semester Plan for Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

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This plan assumes the student:

1. Has completed 70 transferable units, including all lower-division GE courses; and
2. Is attending full time. (atleast 12 units)
3. Approved Summer or Winter Intersession coursework may shorten this schedule

Courses are chosen each semester from a variety of disciplines to provide the full range of major and GE requirements needed to complete the degree in two years. Since fields, rather than specific classes, are required for the major, the plan shows the way that the student would complete coursework in each of the required fields, as well as the elective units within the major.

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### JUNIOR YEAR: 24 Units

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#### *Fall Semester (12 Units)*

Arts and Humanities (6)  
Social Sciences (6)

#### *Spring Semester (12 Units)*

Arts and Humanities (6)  
Social Sciences (3)  
Science and Technology (3)

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### SENIOR YEAR: 26 Units

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#### *Fall Semester (13 Units)*

Arts and Humanities (3)  
Social Sciences (4)  
Science and Technology (3)  
Internship (Counts as Elective) (3)

#### *Spring Semester (143Units)*

Portfolio (soc/beh sci) (4)  
Major Electives (9)

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**TOTAL UNITS: 120**

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