

LIBERAL STUDIES (B.A.)

The path to degree completion might look different for everyone. Whether you are returning to complete your undergraduate degree from Montclair or are transferring from another institution, you will receive personalized support and guidance to finish what you started every step of the way.

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program is designed around the diverse and busy lives of working adults over the age of 25 who are looking to continue their college education but need the support and flexibility of a non-traditional undergraduate degree program. Classes are fully online and are scheduled in 8-week terms. This provides maximum flexibility for busy adults while allowing for an accelerated degree completion timeline.

Students choose one of the two Concentrations: Humanities or Education Studies.

Humanities Concentration

The Humanities concentration is built upon the existing state-approved B.A. in Humanities and emphasizes obsolescence-proof cognitive skills transferable to a wide range of career paths. Humanities concentrators acquire habits of analytical and critical thought, practice techniques of interpretation, gain intercultural awareness, and learn to approach cultural contexts comparatively. Graduates of this concentration have expertise in knowledge management, which encompasses the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information from a broad spectrum of sources, construct logical arguments supported by evidence, and articulate ideas clearly in oral and written formats. Humanities graduates pursue careers in many areas, including business, communications, health care, law, social work, and education. Many will transition directly from our program into the work force, but some pursue further education and earn professional credentials or graduate degrees in a variety of Humanities and social science disciplines.

Education Concentration

This concentration provides an in-depth exposure and engagement with education as a social, cultural, and political human endeavor, that historically has served to induct the young into the larger social and economic fabric of nations. Furthermore, this concentration through its coursework provides insights and understandings about education as a life-long engagement for human improvement, hence transcending the younger years into different stages of life.

An array of foundational courses provide different disciplinary perspectives, where students not only learn about education and schooling but also learn how disciplines construct the knowledge base for practitioners, researchers, and policymakers. In addition, coursework in this concentration offers opportunities to learn about human development, social systems, families, and communities.

In addition to learning about education and human improvement as a liberal art, Educational Studies will enable graduates to apply for the Masters of Arts in Teaching at Montclair State University. Hence, Educational Studies focuses on developing well-rounded, creative, and inquiry-oriented educators who have broad subject matter knowledge of topics taught in elementary schools, and who are committed to the betterment of children, communities, and society. The need for such learning experiences responds to the concept that teachers are intellectuals who know their students, who know the context of the

communities, and who have a broad understanding of the subject matter they will teach.

Program Requirements Overview

Unless otherwise noted, 120 credits of coursework is required for the baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	42
	World Languages and Cultures Requirements	3-9
	Major and Concentration Requirements	30
	Free Electives	45-39
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core/Required Courses		
UNIV 300	Inquiry, Strategy, Planning and Reflection in Liberal Studies	3
UNIV 400	Capstone Reflective Course in Liberal Studies	3
Concentration Requirements		
Complete one concentration, listed below.		24
Total Credits		30

Humanities Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Concentration Courses		
Complete four courses from the following:		12
HUMN 151	Seminar: Inquiry in the Humanities	
HUMN 201	General Humanities I (to 1400)	
HUMN 202	General Humanities II (from 1400)	
HUMN 285	Mythology	
HUMN 499	Senior Humanities Seminar	
Concentration Electives		
Complete four courses from the list below.		12
Total Credits		24

Humanities Concentration Electives

Code	Title	Credits
<i>History</i>		
HUMN 115	Troy and the Trojan War	3
HUMN 151	Seminar: Inquiry in the Humanities	3
HUMN 201	General Humanities I (to 1400)	3
HUMN 202	General Humanities II (from 1400)	3
HUMN 281	Greek Civilization	3
HUMN 282	Roman Civilization	3
HUMN 332	Special Topics in Ancient History (Greece, Rome, W. Asia, N. Africa, Europe)	3
HUMN 351	The City in Antiquity	3
HUMN 355	Alexander the Great: Legend and Legacy	3
HUMN 357	The Roman Republic	3
HUMN 358	Cleopatra	3
HUMN 359	Rome in the Age of Augustus	3

HUMN 381	Africa in Classical Antiquity	3
<i>Philosophical, Cultural, and Religious Perspectives</i>		
HUMN 209	Introduction to Greek and Roman Religion	3
HUMN 221	Viking Mythology	3
HUMN 283	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Ancient World	3
HUMN 285	Mythology	3
HUMN 288	Mythic Traditions	3
HUMN 384	Introduction to Roman Law	3
HUMN 454	Lucretius and Ancient Science	3
HUMN 470	Seminar in Classical Humanities	3
<i>Language, Literature, and Art</i>		
HUMN 181	Introduction to Classical Archaeology	3
HUMN 182	English Vocabulary: Classical Roots	3
HUMN 211	Classicism and American Culture	3
HUMN 230	Ancient Greece and Rome in the Cinema	3
HUMN 290	Special Topics in Greek and Roman Literature and Culture	3
HUMN 313	Aegean Art and Archaeology	3
HUMN 314	Greek Art	3
HUMN 315	Roman Art	3
HUMN 321	Early Medieval Art: Early Christian, Byzantine Early Medieval	3
HUMN 345	Imaging Medieval and Early Modern Women	3
HUMN 385	Greek Tragedy	3
HUMN 320	Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Humanities	3
HUMN 361	Special Topics in Mediterranean Archaeology	3
LATN 101	Beginning Latin I	3
LATN 102	Beginning Latin II	3

Education Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Educational Foundations Electives		
Complete four courses from the following:		12
EDFD 200	Psychological Foundations of Education ¹	
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education	
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education	
EDFD 264	Gender Issues in Education	
EDFD 300	Assessment, Learning Sciences and Ethics	
EDFD 320	Inquiry Based Teaching and Learning	
EDFD 445	Human Rights Education	
EDFD 449	Current Issues in American Education	
Family Science and Human Development Electives		
Complete four courses from the following:		12
FSDH 141	Interpersonal Relations	
FSDH 200	Introduction to the Content Areas in Family Science and Human Development	
FSDH 202	Adult Development and Aging	
FSDH 214	Child Development I ¹	
FSDH 275	Comparative Studies of Global Families	
FSDH 314	Child Development II: Adolescence	

Total Credits

24

¹ Course is a required prerequisite for any student interested in pursuing the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) leading to a K-6 certification at MSU after completing the B.A. degree.

In addition to EDFD 200 and FSDH 214, students interested in applying for an M.A.T. program are advised to take the following in their undergraduate studies:

6 credits of Science, 6 credits of Social Science, 6 credits of English/Language Arts, 3 credits of Mathematics.

General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill General Education categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/general-education-requirements-ba-bs/>)

Code	Title	Credits
A. New Student Seminar		
Complete a 1 credit New Student Seminar		1
C. Communication		
1. Writing		3
2. Literature		3
3. Communication		3
D. Fine and Performing Arts		
Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course.		3
F. Humanities		
1. Great Works and Their Influences		3
2. Philosophical and Religious Perspectives		3
G. Computer Science		
Complete a 3 credit Computer Science course.		3
H. Mathematics		
Complete a 3 credit Mathematics course.		3
I. Natural Science Laboratory		
Complete a 4 credit Natural Science Laboratory course.		4
J. Physical Education		
Complete a 1 credit Physical Education course.		1
K. Social Science		
1. American and European History		3
2. Global Cultural Perspectives		3
3. Social Science Perspectives		3
Students in P12 Subject Area Teaching programs complete EDFD 200 as part of the Teacher Education sequence.		
L. Interdisciplinary Studies		
Complete a 3 credit Interdisciplinary Studies course.		3
Students in P12 Subject Area Teaching programs complete SASE 210 as part of the Teacher Education sequence.		
Total Credits		42

World Languages and Cultures Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill World Languages and Cultures categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/world-languages-and-cultures-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
World Languages		
Based on language placement exam, complete one or two sequential courses in the same language. Requirement is automatically fulfilled by language major courses.		
World Cultures		
Requirement may be fulfilled by course selected in General Education 0-3 - Social Science: Global Cultural Perspectives. Requirement may also be fulfilled by major coursework. See list of courses.		
Total Credits		3-9

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This four-year plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years. This plan is a recommendation and students should only use it in consultation with their academic advisor.

The recommended Roadmap assumes 60 credits accepted in transfer, including General Education courses, and World Languages and Cultures courses. Credit requirements and time to degree completion are subject to change based on full time status and total number of credits accepted in transfer.

Humanities Concentration

First Year					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
TERM 1		TERM 3		TERM 5	
UNIV 300		3 Required Humanities Concentration Course 4		3 Humanities Concentration Elective 4	3
Required Humanities Concentration Course 1		3 Humanities Concentration Elective 1		3 Free Elective	3
TERM 2		TERM 4		TERM 6	
Required Humanities Concentration Course 2		3 Humanities Concentration Elective 2		3 Free Elective	3
Required Humanities Concentration Course 3		3 Humanities Concentration Elective 3		3 Free Elective	3
12		12		12	

Second Year					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
TERM 7		TERM 9			
Free Elective		3 Free Elective		3	
Free Elective		3 Free Elective		3	
TERM 8		TERM 10			
Free Elective		3 UNIV 400		3	

Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
12		12

Total Credits 60

Education Studies Concentration

First Year					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
TERM 1		TERM 3		TERM 5	
UNIV 300		3 Free Elective		3 Required Educational Foundations Elective 4	3
Required Educational Foundations Elective 1		3 Free Elective		3 Free Elective	3
TERM 2		TERM 4		TERM 6	
Required Educational Foundations Elective 2		3 Required Educational Foundations Elective 3		3 Family Science and Human Development Elective 3	3
Family Science and Human Development Elective 1		3 Family Science and Human Development Elective 2		3 Free Elective	3
12		12		12	

Second Year					
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits		
TERM 7		TERM 9			
Free Elective		3 Free Elective		3	
Free Elective		3 Free Elective		3	
TERM 8		TERM 10			
Family Science and Human Development Elective 4		3 UNIV 400		3	
Free Elective		3 Free Elective		3	
12		12		12	

Total Credits 60