LIBERAL STUDIES (ALA)

The Liberal Studies Degree fulfills the intent of the traditional Liberal Arts Degree and is for students who want a broad academic background to realize their academic or career goals.

Recommended Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer without an A.A. degree and have fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

The transfer student should also be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

Program Admission Procedure and Upper-level Course Requirements: Students must apply for admission to the program separately from applying to the university. To apply for the Liberal Studies Program, students must (1) have completed a minimum of 20 and no more than 80 semester hours, (2) have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 at the time of admission, and (3) submit a written proposal and program of study, explaining the student's special academic circumstances and goals for which this major is appropriate. This proposal must be approved by a faculty committee of three professors (Chair to be selected by the student) to be assembled by the student and the Director of the Major who is located in the Dean's Office.

The student must complete the General Education Requirements (and all other university requirements), and a minimum of 4 semesters of one foreign language. The remaining hours will be devoted to interdisciplinary study in the College of Arts and Sciences. Ideally, the hours will include courses in the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. In the student's last semester, the faculty committee must approve a senior paper.

For information, contact the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in SOC 102.