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# Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies

An online program from Montana State University

Montana State Online offers an online degree completion program for students who have completed at least two years of college and would like to earn a bachelor's degree.

This program is designed for:

- people needing a bachelor's degree to advance on the job
- graduates of community colleges, tribal colleges, colleges of technology and other two-year academic programs
- military personnel and veterans
- people who want to stay in their community
- and anyone interested in the broad-based education of a liberal studies degree.

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Maybe you have completed an associate's degree but cannot relocate to take a bachelor's degree on a campus. Maybe circumstances led you to leave college before you could complete a degree. Maybe you've attended several colleges, in different majors, because you are interested in a wide variety of subjects. The program in Liberal Studies can be your path to completing a four-year degree, from wherever you are and on your own schedule.

The Liberal Studies degree values a broad, integrated, and interdisciplinary approach to higher education. Interdisciplinary studies foster connections among disciplines and draw upon multiple areas of knowledge. By connecting four ways of knowing—arts, humanities, social science, and natural science—this program offers a flexible liberal arts education, allowing students to construct a curriculum from available classes that reflects their interests and career goals.

## Program length

The length of time required to complete this degree program will vary according to previous coursework completed, your learning style, the number of courses you take each semester, and your career objectives. Courses are available fall, spring and summer. You are not required to take classes every semester. Course terms follow the university calendar.

## What can I do with this degree?

Some of the most exciting and innovative advances in human knowledge are occurring at the intersections of traditional academic disciplines. The kind of intellectual skills provided by rigorous, cross-disciplinary study are increasingly recognized as a solid foundation for success in careers and graduate programs ranging from business and management to medicine. This degree program helps students develop the ability to learn in multiple disciplines, giving graduates the flexibility they need to adapt in rapidly changing work environments.

# Online Degree Completion Program: Liberal Studies

Careers and opportunities include government, journalism, politics, communication, graduate school, business administration, entrepreneurship, analysis, law school, writing, medical school and many others.

The Liberal Studies program allows students to learn more about themselves and the world, and to explore new areas of knowledge and new ways of thinking. Such outcomes, while important to personal and intellectual growth and enrichment, are also increasingly in demand among employers who seek creative and inquisitive minds, an appreciation for and an ability to apply different methodologies to problem solving, an understanding of the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of knowledge, strong communication skills, and familiarity with the world's diversity of thought and culture.

## Requirements

A minimum of 120 credits is required to complete the Liberal Studies degree.

- 30 credits in core courses
- 15 credits each in arts, humanities, natural science or mathematics, and social sciences (6 must be upper division)

- 2 semesters of a foreign language
- Capstone course (LS 401)

## Additional requirements

- *45 credits must be completed as a declared LS major*
- *42 credits must be upper-division (300- and 400-level)*
- *23 of the last 30 credits must be from MSU*
- *a grade of C- or above must be earned in all required courses*

## Prerequisites

- Associate's degree or at least 60 semester hours of college credit from regionally accredited institution(s)
  - GPA of 2.0 or better
- All college-level courses from colleges or universities accredited by any of the six regional accrediting agencies at the time the courses were taken will be accepted for transfer. Courses from non-accredited schools will not be accepted for transfer. The Liberal Studies program will determine how the transfer electives satisfy specific curriculum requirements.

## Admissions

The application process differs for students returning to MSU and those who would be new transfer students. To be certain you start with the most appropriate steps for your situation, contact the Academic Advisor—Liberal Studies Online at liberalstudiesonline@montana.edu before proceeding.

## For more information

Contact Montana State Online at (866) 540-5660 TOLL-FREE or liberalstudiesonline@montana.edu or visit [montana.edu/finish](http://montana.edu/finish)

## About Montana State University

MSU is a world-class research university that encourages exploration and inspires creativity. As Montana's land-grant university, MSU is dedicated to delivering a hands-on curriculum that is relevant, practical and focused. Faculty are leaders in their fields and committed to every student's success.

MSU is regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). MSU is the largest research university in Montana and the largest research and development entity of any kind in the state. MSU is among the top 3% of research institutions nationwide, which translates into significant opportunities for students to do research, scholarship and creative work.

Additionally, MSU is classified as a "highly engaged" university, the top classification awarded by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching to recognize MSU's commitment to teaching that encourages volunteer service in communities and spreading of knowledge that benefits the public.

