

Liberal Arts And Interdisciplinary Studies (BA)

The Liberal Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies (LAIS) major embodies the University's values of a comprehensive liberal arts education. Drawing from multiple disciplinary areas extending beyond general education requirements, the major offers students the opportunity to select a track that aligns best with their educational goals.

The Educational Foundations track provides students interested in education, but not teacher licensure, an option to earn a degree that encompasses many areas of study with coursework in pedagogy. The Humanities track serves to offer a cross-disciplinary major with a primary focus in both History and English.

Department: Education

Type: Major

Requirements for the Major in Liberal Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies

The Liberal Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies (LAIS) major consists of 54-57 semester hours. Students will complete the Core Requirements *in addition* to a Track: Educational Foundations (not intended to lead to licensure) or Humanities (not intended to lead to licensure). Exceptions to the specified courses below must be approved. For more information, please see the *Liberal Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies Major* section of myMBU, School of Education.

Core Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
ED 342	CULTURAL RESPON TEACHING & COMM (D)	3
ENG 102	COLLEGE ENGLISH	3
	ENG 220 OR ENG 221	3
	HIST 111 OR HIST 112	3
MATH 159	COLLEGE ALGEBRA (Q)	3
POLS 200	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CS)	3

Additional Requirements for the Major

- **Research Course (3-4 s.h.) (R)**
- **Science Introductory Course (3-4 s.h.) (N)**

TRACK Requirements: Educational Foundations

Item #	Title	Credits
ED 115	FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION (T)	3
ED 205	CHARACTERISTICS OF EXCEPTIONALITY	3
ED 400	SENIOR SEMINAR AND PROJECT (M)	3

Plus seven (7) of the following

Substitutes with the approval of the Director of Teacher Education. This track along with the CORE satisfies the LAIS major Educational Foundation track.

**ED 112 requires either PLP or fieldwork in VIRGINIA. ED 324 requires fieldwork in VIRGINIA.*

Item #	Title	Credits
ABA 313	BASIC CONCEPTS/PRINCIPLES OF ABA	4
ASD 360	CHARACT & ASSESS OF ASD	3
ASD 361	COMM, LANG, & SENSORY ASPECTS: ASD (W)	3
ASD 362	SOC SKILLS & BEHAV STRAT: ASD (R)	3
ED 112	PRACTICUM IN GENERAL & SPED (C)	3
ED 215	FOUNDATIONS & LEGAL ISSUES OF SPED	3
ED 218	TRANSITIONING -EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS	3
ED 226	COLLAB TO SUPPORT EXCEPTIONAL LEARN	3
ED 229	METHODS OF TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES	3
ED 230	METHODS OF TEACHING SCIENCE	3
ED 323	LANG ACQUISITION & LITERACY DEV I	3
ED 324	LANG ACQUISITION & LITERACY DEV II (C)	4
	ED 238 OR ED 239	3
ED 325	CLASSROOM AND BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	3
ED 336	COMPARATIVE EDUCATION (IW)	3
ED 350	CONTENT AREA LEARNING	3

TRACK Requirements: Humanities

At least three of the electives must be taken at the 300-level.

- **English Elective 1**
- **English Elective 2**
- **English Elective 3**
- **History Elective 1**
- **History Elective 2**
- **History Elective 3**
- **Humanities* Elective 1**
- **Humanities* Elective 2**
- **Humanities* Elective 3**
- **ENG 400 and/or HIST 400 Senior Project** *(The project should be approved by the chair of the department in which the student plans to complete the Senior Project.)*

Sub-Total Credits: 30

**May be selected from any of the following disciplines: English, History, Foreign Languages/Cultures/Literatures, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Asian Studies or Art History.*

NOTE: *If any of the English/History/Humanities "electives" noted above in the Track carry NASH credit, they may not be counted for NASH credit toward the student's general education requirements.*

Total Credits: LAIS Major plus One Track 54 - 57