

California State University
Northridge

LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM – General Studies Option

**COURSE REGISTRATION PACKET FOR NEW STUDENTS
Spring 2010**

The Liberal Studies Program has a website! Go to www.csun.edu/liberalstudies to access up-to-date information on all options. Download forms, handouts, test information, etc. Everything is now available at your fingertips. (Site is best viewed on Internet Explorer)

The Liberal Studies major at CSUN offers several options. This handout is **ONLY** for students interested in the General Studies Option. This Option is designed for students who would like to have a broad liberal arts education with an area of specialization. If you are interested in becoming an elementary or special education teacher, please ask for a separate information handout outlining the Teacher Preparation Options offered in Liberal Studies.

This packet is designed for students who need to register for classes prior to receiving a personal evaluation of their coursework as it applies to the General Studies Option. It should answer your questions and help you enroll in the right classes for Spring. Enrolling for classes is a simple task if you follow the instructions outlined below:

FIRST: Complete an online General Studies Option workshop immediately.

All Liberal Studies majors planning to pursue the General Studies Option must apply for admission to CSUN, complete an online General Studies workshop, and receive an evaluation from our office before making an appointment with a Liberal Studies advisor. Your official advisement form will be mailed to you approximately two to three weeks after you complete the workshop.

SECOND: Meanwhile, do your own General Studies Option course evaluation.

Liberal Studies majors in this plan complete their General Education (GE) and Title V requirements outside of the major. Even though many of the course choices in the major count for GE, General Studies Option students may NOT double-count any courses from GE within the major.

You will need the Plan H General Studies advisement form found on our website (under “Forms and Handouts”/Scroll down to Plan H General Studies/Advisement Form). This form will tell you which classes are required for the General Studies Option. Refer to the following instructions as you enter your previously completed coursework into the form:

- If you have taken any courses at CSUN, see if they are included in the General Studies Option. If so, fill in the appropriate box on your evaluation form.
- For courses completed at a local community college, ask for a General Studies Transfer Chart. The transfer chart tells you the equivalent course for the Lower Division Requirements (#1 through #3) on your advisement form. You may access the transfer chart on our website under “Forms and Handouts.”
- If you aren't sure whether a course you have already taken will be accepted – that is, if a course you took isn't on the transfer chart, but you think it may count – make a note to ask an advisor about it.

THIRD: Put together your Spring 2010 schedule.

Once you have filled in your own advisement form with the requirements you have already completed, you are ready to make a list of possible courses to take in Spring 2010. Refer to the online Schedule of Classes at <http://www.csun.edu/a&r/soc/schedules.html>. Click on Guest Class Search.

Beginning with requirement #1, fill your Fall schedule with the courses you are missing, working through the advisement form in the order the requirements appear. Skip over any requirement you think you may have already fulfilled. Take only classes you know you will need. Keep going through the advisement form until you have enough units for Spring 2010. A full-time course load at CSUN is 12 units or more. **If you are a community college transfer student and in doubt of what courses to take, you can assume that the upper division requirements (300-400 level) have not been met yet.**

As part of the General Studies Option, students must complete an Area of Specialization by selecting Option A or Option B. If you elect to complete a minor, Option A, please be sure to consult with a Minor Advisor in the corresponding department or program for a listing of that minor's requirements. Students interested in Option B, an Interdisciplinary Concentration, must consult with a Liberal Studies Advisor before enrolling in courses for that requirement.

If you have a quick question, you can refer to our website at www.csun.edu/liberalstudies. Also, for students who already received an evaluation from our office, we have 10-minute appointments from mid November 2009 through January 2010. We are trying to help every student get properly registered in classes during these months. We may ask you to postpone questions or issues that will need additional time and information until we return to our regular appointment schedule during non-registration months. Thank you in advance for your patience.