



Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS)

The Bachelor of Liberal Studies program is designed to provide a degree that educates students in theory and applications associated with a variety of disciplines. The core disciplines are chosen from most of those in the Anderson University catalog. Students, with the aid of an academic advisor, can design a program of study that best fits their personal and professional goals. The curriculum has two options. One is a degree completion option for those with an associate's degree. The other is for those without a degree. A liberal studies degree prepares students for a wide variety of careers in areas to include social service, government, business, management, public relations, private and non-profit sectors. The BLS degree also provides an excellent opportunity to take prerequisite courses in preparation for pursuing a graduate degree.

The degree completion option for BLS requires the following:

Completion of approved associate's degree (a maximum of 64 semester hours transferred from an institution that awards only the associate's degree); a minimum of 56 semester hours from a senior college or university; a minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division courses; a minimum of 36 semester hours from Anderson University; a minimum of 36 semester hours of general education courses to include statistics, literature, humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, communication, natural science, and Christian Studies.

The option for those without an associate's degree or higher requires the following:

General Education (36 semester hours) - courses in communications, literature, statistics, humanities, fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural science, and Christian Studies. These are viewed as being the liberal arts component of a degree and are foundational to upper division courses.

Both options require:

Core Courses (12 semester hours) - courses in computer information systems, business communications, a course to introduce research-based writing and to assist students in the capstone course

Liberal Studies Emphasis (36 semester hours) - 300-level and above courses that are selected with assistance of an academic advisor. The 36 semester hours must be distributed according to prescribed options listed in the university catalog and approved by the faculty advisor. At least three 400-level courses must be included.

General Electives (Sufficient hours to complete requirement for 120 hours for the degree) - courses that permit students to take additional work in subjects that interest them and that will be helpful in their careers. It is important to consult with an advisor when selecting electives.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (Degree Completion Option)

1. Completion of approved associate's degree (a maximum of 64 semester hours transferred from an institution that awards only the associate's degree)
2. A minimum of 56 semester hours from a four-year college or university
3. A minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division courses
4. A minimum of 36 semester hours from Anderson University
5. A minimum of 36 semester hours of general education courses to include MAT 104 Math for the Liberal Arts, MAT 108 Finite Probability and Statistics 1 and at least three semester hours from each of the following areas:
 - a. Literature
 - b. Social/behavioral sciences (Note: PSY 101 and SOC 101 are prerequisites for several required upper level courses)
 - c. Communication (ENG 101 and 102)
 - d. Natural science
6. CHR 105 and CHR 305
7. A minimum of 120 total semester hours

GENERAL EDUCATION

FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN AND NON-DEGREE TRANSFER STUDENTS

COMMUNICATIONS

ENG 101 - English Composition	3 semester hours
ENG 102 - English Composition	3 semester hours

LITERATURE

3 semester hours

CHRISTIAN STUDIES

CHR 105 - Introduction to the Bible	3 semester hours
CHR 305 - Christian Worldview	3 semester hours

MATHEMATICS

MAT 104 - Math for the Liberal Arts	3 semester hours
MAT 108 - Finite Probability & Statistics 1	3 semester hours

HISTORY

3 semester hours

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

3 semester hours

NATURAL SCIENCE

3 semester hours

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

3 semester hours

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES/ HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS OR NATURAL SCIENCES

3 semester hours

CORE COURSES (for both options)

12 Semester Hours

CIS 101 - Intro to Computers	3 Semester Hours
ENG 301 - Business Communications	3 Semester Hours
LS 101 - Intro to Liberal Studies	3 Semester Hours
LS 495 - Senior Seminar in Liberal Studies	3 Semester Hours

LIBERAL STUDIES EMPHASIS

36 Semester Hours

Students must choose 36 Semester Hours of 300-level and 400-level courses from the categories shown below. (At least three 400-level courses must be included.) The 36 semester hours must be distributed according to prescribed options listed in the current university catalog and approved by the faculty advisor.

Category A: College of Adult and Professional Studies Courses

Category B: College of Arts and Sciences Courses

Category C: College of Business Courses: Maximum of 18 Semester (For the purpose of the Liberal Studies Degree, College of Business courses are considered to be on discipline.)

Category D: College of Christian Studies Courses

Category E: College of Education Courses

Category F: College of Visual and Performing Arts (For the purpose of the Liberal Studies degree, College of Visual and Performing Arts courses are considered to be one discipline.)

GENERAL ELECTIVES

36 Semester Hours

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED
36 semester hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED
120 semester hours