 **Liberal Studies Program**

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**Proposed Shared Prefix Policy**

**Degree requirements:**

All students seeking their first baccalaureate degree from Northern Arizona University must take thirty-five (35) credit units of Liberal Studies. The overall goal of the Liberal Studies program is to teach students to think critically, communicate clearly and solve problems from a global perspective. Preparing graduates for their public lives as citizens, members of just and healthy communities, and productive professionals in society has historically been a responsibility of higher education.

You will take courses to satisfy both the Foundation and Distribution requirements. Make sure to choose classes from the approved list of [Liberal Studies Courses](https://iris.nau.edu/OWA/redir.aspx?C=HkbmOCbQrkCm8AT2lW0UC4vqFiqcudAIDHIimr6Rbo4EVpy_e3P7kP_d0CzixpBHJ8gUTL098GE.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nau.edu%2fRegistrar%2fFaculty-Resources%2fApproved-Liberal-Studies-Courses%2f) with the help of an academic adviser.

Up to 9 units of the liberal studies distribution requirements can have the same prefix as the student’s major. Courses used for the liberal studies distribution requirements can have the same prefix as a student’s minor.

Some Liberal Studies courses may also fulfill NAU's Global or U.S. Ethnic Diversity requirements. Please confer with your advisor.

**Liberal Studies Requirements:**

 Foundations:

English 4 units

 Math 3 units

 Distribution 28 units

Up to 9 units can have the same prefix as the major.

 19 units cannot have the same prefix as the major.