

Liberal Studies - B.S.

Through the required and elective courses in the Liberal Studies bachelor's degree program, students acquire knowledge and experience in the arts, cultural studies, history, philosophy, behavioral sciences, math and science that prepares them to enter the workforce in business, nonprofit, government, and arts and cultural organizations. The degree also prepares them for further graduate studies. In addition, the program includes experiential learning through an internship, service learning and an optional study abroad.

Key differentiators of the JWU Liberal Studies degree program include a requirement that students complete a minor, the inclusion of a heightened form of experiential learning, and in-depth advising in fulfillment of the mission. The required minor is intended to ensure that students have an introduction to a profession or set of professional skills prior to program completion or are prepared to undertake graduate studies.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Apply oral and written rhetorical strategies to communicate complex arguments.
- Apply appropriate disciplinary criteria to examine complex issues, analyze arguments, conduct credible research, solve problems, make ethical decisions and create original ideas and/or approaches.
- Synthesize and apply knowledge from multiple perspectives to evaluate complex issues and address real-world problems.
- Critically examine and interpret the complexities of human culture, expression and/or behavior using the theories and methods of various disciplines in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

Liberal Studies

A four-year program leading to the bachelor of science degree

Major Courses

ART, HIST, LIT, PHIL, REL	One course 2000 level or higher	3
BIO, CHM, PHY or SCI	One course 1000 level or higher	3
ECON, PSCI, PSYC, SOC	One course 2000 level or higher	3
Foreign Language	3 credits as determined by language placement	3
LIBS4900	Liberal Studies Capstone: The Great Conversation	3

Major Focus

Choose one of the following: 15

Arts & Culture

ART, HIST, LIT, PHIL, REL, SOC: One course 2000 level or higher

ART, HIST, LIT, PHIL, REL, SOC: Four courses 3000 level or higher

Or

Science & Society

MATH: One course 1000 level or higher

BIO, CHM, ECON, PHY, PSCI, PSYC, SCI, SOC: Four courses 3000 level or higher

Minor

Select any minor from offerings within the university (some minors may be offered online only) * 15

Applied/Experiential Learning

Choose 6 credits from the following: 6

ASCI4799	College of Arts & Sciences Internship ^{1c}	
DEE3999	Directed Experiential Education ^D	
RSCH3810	Undergraduate Laboratory and Field Research	
RSCH3830	Undergraduate Research Experience	
Study Abroad		

Related Professional Studies

Arts & Sciences Electives 9 credits with an EASC attribute selected from offerings within the College of Arts & Sciences. 9

A&S Core Experience

Communications Foundation Courses 9

ENG1020	Rhetoric & Composition I	
ENG1021	Rhetoric & Composition II	
ENG1030	Communication Skills	

Integrative Learning 6

Two ILS courses, one at the 2000 level, one at the 4000 level

Arts and Humanities 6

Two courses from different disciplines: ART, HIST, HUM, LIT, PHIL or REL

Mathematics 6

MATH1002	A Survey of College Mathematics (or higher, based on student's placement)	
MATH2001	Statistics I	

Science	3
SCI1010 Environmental Science	
Social Sciences	6
Two courses from different disciplines: ANTH, ECON, LEAD, PSCI, PSYC or SOC	
A&S Electives	6
Two courses with an EASC attribute	
Free Electives[#]	
18 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university	18
Total Credits	120.0

* Students are responsible for meeting prerequisites.

^{1c}Typically, internships require a minimum of six credits. Students interested in a 9 or 12-credit internship can apply additional experiential learning and free elective credits, if available. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty adviser before scheduling internship and free elective credits.

^D Directed Experiential Education (DEE) opportunities are based on project availability with community partners and student eligibility. For more information, visit Experiential Education & Career Services (EE&CS).

[#] In addition to classes, free elective credits may be applied to a number of options such as internship, study abroad, Directed Experiential Education courses and courses in a specialization or minor as relevant. For Accelerated Master's program students, up to three graduate-level courses may apply. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a faculty adviser before scheduling free elective credits.

NOTE: Students must pass MATH0010 Basic Mathematics or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math course(s).

Students who graduate with a bachelor's degree must leave Johnson & Wales University with effective writing skills to fulfill the graduation writing requirement. These writing skills are assessed in ENG1021 Rhetoric & Composition II. Students who have met the requirement of ENG1021 Rhetoric & Composition II or ENG1027 Honors Advanced Composition and Communications: Civic Discourse outside of Johnson & Wales University must fulfill the graduation writing requirement through successful completion of ENG0001 Writing Workshop.

Internships will be available but they will not be required. For online students who do not wish to register for an internship, 3000+ level college discipline-specific courses can be taken in place of the internship.

In collaboration with academic colleges across all JWU campuses, JWU Global Study Abroad programs offer a variety of international options for major, minor, arts and sciences, and elective credit at many affordable price points for students during the academic year, break periods, and summer. Faculty-led, exchange, affiliate, and direct-enroll programs range in duration from one week to a full semester or full year. Financial aid may be applied and scholarships are available. Visit the study abroad website for information, program descriptions and online applications. Where will you go?