

Liberal Studies - B.S.

Effective Fall 2020, Johnson & Wales University will complete its transition from a term calendar to a semester calendar. Starting with the 2020-21 catalog, all programs will represent course requirements in semester credit hours rather than quarter credit hours. Students who started on terms and will finish their degree requirements on semesters should consult with their assigned academic counselor in Student Academic Services or faculty advisor on semester transition academic planning.

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. With a required minor in either Business or Technology,* students are prepared 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 in Business or Technology, 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.

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.

* The Technology (Project Management) minor is offered only at the Providence Campus.

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	4.5
BIO [^] , CHM [±] , PHY [°] or SCI	One course 1000 level or higher	4.5
ECON, PSCI, PSYC, SOC	One course 2000 level or higher	4.5
Foreign Language	4.5 credits as determined by language placement	4.5
LIBS4900	Liberal Studies Capstone: The Great Conversation	4.5

Major Focus

Choose one of the following: 22.5

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

Applied/Experiential Learning

Choose one of the following: 13.5

Option 1 ASCI4799, College of Arts & Sciences Internship *

Option 2 Study Abroad Program

Option 3 Three Levels of Language Studies

Option 4 Three courses from the course offerings in the minor, Professional Communication **

Required Minor

22.5

General Business

Choose five of the following:

ACCT1210 Financial Accounting

ACCT1220 Managerial Accounting

ECON1001 Macroeconomics

ECON1002 Microeconomics

FISV2000 Finance

FIT1040 Spreadsheet Design for Business Solutions

LAW2001	The Legal Environment of Business I	
MGMT1001	Contemporary Business Management I	
MGMT1002	Contemporary Business Management II	
MGMT2001	Human Resource Management	
MRKT1001	Principles of Marketing	
Or		
Project Management		
PRMG2010	Introduction to Project Management	
PRMG3010	Advanced Project Management	
Choose three of the following:		
CSIS1000	Problem Solving and Programming Concepts	
CSIS1040	Fundamentals of Visual Basic	
FIT1050	Digital Technology for the Creative Industries	
FIT2030	Access Database Design for Business Solutions	
Related Professional Studies		
Arts & Sciences Electives	13.5 credits with an EASC attribute selected from offerings within the College of Arts & Sciences.	13.5
A&S Core Experience		
Communications Foundation Courses		13.5
ENG1020	English Composition	
ENG1021	Advanced Composition and Communication	
ENG1030	Communication Skills	
Integrative Learning		9
Two ILS courses, one at the 2000 level, one at the 4000 level		
Arts and Humanities		9
Two courses from different disciplines: ART, HIST, HUM [‡] , LIT, PHIL or REL		
Mathematics		9
MATH1002	A Survey of College Mathematics (or higher, based on student's placement)	
MATH2001	Statistics	
Science		4.5
SCI1010 Environmental Science		
Social Sciences		9
Two courses from different disciplines: ANTH ^{°°} , ECON, LEAD, PSCI, PSYC or SOC		
A&S Electives		9
Two courses with an EASC attribute, at least one at 3000 level or higher.		
Free Electives [#]		
22.5 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university.		22.5
Total Credits		180.0

* Students may schedule a 4.5-13.5 credit internship. If the internship is less than 13.5 credits, additional Arts & Sciences elective credits are required to meet the 13.5 credit requirement.

** Students are responsible for meeting prerequisites.

Visit Courses by Subject Code for a listing of all campus courses.

[‡]HUM courses are not offered in North Miami or Online.

[^]BIO courses are not offered in North Miami, Charlotte or Online.

[¶]CAD courses are only offered in Providence.

[±]CHM courses are not offered in North Miami or Online.

[°]PHY courses are not offered in Charlotte.

^{°°}ANTH courses are not offered in North Miami or Charlotte.

In addition to classes, free elective credit can be applied to a number of options such as Directed Experiential Education (DEE), Internship, Minor or Study Abroad. For Accelerated Master's program students, up to three graduate-level courses may apply. Students are strongly encouraged to contact an 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 will be assessed at the completion of ENG1021 Advanced Composition and Communication. Students who have met the requirement of ENG1021 Advanced Composition and Communication 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.

In collaboration with academic colleges across all JWU campuses, JWU Study Abroad programs offer a variety of international options for major, minor, Arts & Sciences, and elective credit at many price points for students during the

academic year and summer. Faculty-led, exchange, affiliate, and direct-enroll programs range in duration from one week to a full semester. Financial aid is applicable and scholarships are available. Visit the study abroad website for information, program descriptions and online applications.