



UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina

Major Map: Liberal Studies

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Palmetto College

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This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the "Program Notes" section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC-GFL		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-17 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	Arts and Sciences Elective ⁵	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Foreign language ⁴ or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁶	3-4			CC/PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³ or Elective ⁶	3			CC/PR		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	Arts and Sciences Elective ⁵	3			CR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
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	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Cognate Course ⁸	3	C		PR		
	PHIL 102 Introduction to Philosophy	3			CR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	PALM 493 South Carolina Studies	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Cognate Course ⁸	3	C		PR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	PALM 494 Internship or PALM 495 Service-Learning	3	C		MR	C or better in PALM 493	
	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Cognate Course ⁸	3	C		PR		
	Elective ⁶	3			PR		
Semester Eight (13 Credit Hours)							
	PALM 401 Palmetto Senior Capstone Experience	3	C		MR	C or better in PALM 493 & (PALM 494 or 495); Junior or Senior standing	
	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Liberal Studies Major Course ⁷	3	C		MR		
	Cognate Course ⁸	3	C		PR		
	Elective ⁶	1			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	36	40-52	32-44	2.00

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA.
2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
3. The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
4. Students in Palmetto College are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
5. The Arts and Sciences electives must include two disciplines. See Bulletin for a list of course options.
6. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in Palmetto College.
7. Liberal Studies major courses (27 hours) must be at the upper level, with at least 15 hours at the 400-level or above, with the exception of Sociology, in which the following 300-level courses may be substituted for 400-level courses: SOCY 304, 305, 312, 320, 323, 340. At least 15 hours must be USC courses. No more than hours of the major will be accepted in transfer. The student's major will be chosen from **TWO of the following disciplines**, with a minimum of 12 hours required in each of the two disciplines:

Anthropology

Art

Astronomy

Biological Sciences

Chemistry

Criminology & Criminal Justice

Economics

English

Environmental Studies

Geography

Geological Sciences

Health Promotion, Education, & Behavior

History

Languages

Marine Science

Mathematics

Native American Studies*

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Statistics

Theatre

*Courses designated as fulfilling the **Native American Studies** option include:

ANTH 209 Introduction to Folklore	ANTH 499 In the Trad. of Anthropology**
ANTH 244 American Indian Nations Today: From Hard Times to Hard Rock	ENGL 399 Independent Study** ENGL 429 Topics in American Literature**
ANTH 321 South Carolina Archaeology	ENGL 438A South Carolina Writers**
ANTH 333 North American Prehistory	ENGL 439 Selected Topics**
ANTH 391 Selected Topics in Anthropology**	ENGL 449 Special Topics in Theory**
ANTH 399 Independent Study**	ENGL 455 Language in Society

ENGL 490 Topics in Advanced Study**

HIST 401 The Dev. of the Amer. People to 1789

HIST 409 History of South Carolina, 1670-1865

LING 405 Topics in Linguistics**

**When topics are relevant to Native American Studies

8. The cognate cannot be a discipline included in the student's major option. No more than 6 hours of transfer work may be applied to the cognate. A minimum of 12 hours of course work at the 300-level or above from one of the following disciplines: **Anthropology; Art; Business; Criminal Justice; Dance; Economics; Education; English; Geography; History; Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior; Languages; Mathematics; Native American Studies*; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Physical and/or Biological Sciences; Religious Studies; Social Work; Sociology; Theatre**, or any other discipline approved by the Associate Provost.

Program Notes:

- The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies is designed for students who want to pursue liberal studies without a major in a single discipline.
- A specific Program of Study is developed by the student and the student's advisor and approved by the Associate Provost. Any changes to the Program of Study must be approved by the advisor and Associate Provost.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic [bulletin](#).
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.