

◀ BA Lib Arts & Integrtrv Studies - Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Integrative Studies

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Effective Term and Year

Proposed
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Justification

Proposed

Concentration Justification

After two years in existence for this concentration, and after continued correspondence with the UNM School of Law, we are making additions to this existing concentration to allow further customization by each individual student and increased preparation for potential law school admission.

Please note, this proposal will suggest far more changed than really did, but that is due to the way rule builder works, and we found the need to rebuild most of it because we were unable to add additional classes alphabetically or numerically where they belong in the lists.

Existing

Concentration Justification

We propose adding this concentration to our Liberal Arts degree to provide more marketable value for students who focus on courses in the area of law and may want to pursue further studies or work in the field.

Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

BA Lib Arts & Integrtrv Studies

Program Information

Degree Name

BA Lib Arts & Integrtrv Studies - Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Integrative Studies

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Program Type

Undergraduate

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Degree Hours

120

Minimum Major Hours**Degree Requirements**

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete all of the following
 - Earned a minimum grade of C in each of the following:
 - LAIS301 - Customized Curriculum: The Future of Degrees (3)
 - Earn at least 51 credits from the following types of courses:

A minimum of 51 credit hours earned in courses at the upper-division level (courses numbered 300–499) if an optional concentration is not being earned, or 45 credit hours if a concentration is included. It should also be noted that transfer courses in which credit was earned at a lower-division designation cannot be transferred as upper-division to count towards the degree.

- Submission of a Graduation Essay or Capstone Paper. The essay must be no fewer than 500 words and should describe how you organized your Plan of Study, as well as what you learned and accomplished by designing your own degree. It should also discuss your plans for using your degree in the future. The capstone paper may be completed via LAIS 311 or 409. Please consult with a LAIS Advisor for your options.
- Completion of the departmental residency requirement of a minimum of 15 credit hours of academic work earned while enrolled in the B.A. in Liberal Arts and Integrative Studies program (not to include: credit by exam, transfer credit and/or concurrent enrollment, nonprofessional-physical education, music ensemble, or independent study/problems courses unless specifically approved by the Associate Dean). These must include the final 15 credit hours of enrollment prior to graduation from the program.
- A maximum of 24 hours of vocational coursework.
- Earn at least 66 credits from the following types of courses:
Completed at least 66 credits from the following types of courses: In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students are required to fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information.
- Departmental Honors A separate departmental honors designation is not available for the B.A. in Liberal Arts and Integrative Studies degree. However, students meeting all requirements may receive baccalaureate honors as specified in the Undergraduate Program section of this Catalog.

Grand Total Credits: 120

Concentration Information

Concentration Title

Pre-Law

Program Level

Undergraduate

Concentration Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - ~~Earn at least 12 credits from the following:~~
 - ~~COMM1130 - Public Speaking (3)~~
 - ~~COMM2120 - Interpersonal Communication (3)~~
 - ~~CJ323 - Nonverbal Communication (3)~~
 - ~~CJ327 - Persuasive Communication (3)~~
 - ~~CJ332 - Business and Professional Speaking (3)~~
 - ~~CJ333 - Professional Communication (3)~~
 - ~~CJ334 - Political Communication (3)~~
 - ~~CJ337 - Rhetorical Theory (3)~~
 - ~~CJ344 - Interviewing (3)~~
 - ~~Neither COMM 1130 or COMM 2120 are specifically required, but only one may be taken towards the concentration requirements, not both.~~
 - ~~Complete at least 1 of the following:~~
 - ~~PHIL1120 - Logic, Reasoning, and Critical Thinking (3)~~
 - ~~PHIL2140 - Professional Ethics (3)~~
 - ~~Complete at least 1 of the following:~~
 - ~~PHIL1120 - Logic, Reasoning, and Critical Thinking (3)~~
 - ~~PHIL2140 - Professional Ethics (3)~~
 - Complete the following:
 - PHIL381 - Philosophy of Law and Morals (3)
 - ~~Complete at least 1 of the following:~~
 - ~~ENCL2210 - Professional and Technical Communication (3)~~
 - ~~ENCL2220 - Introduction to Professional Writing (3)~~

- Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - MATH1350 - Introduction to Statistics (3)
 - MATH1300 - Statistical Literacy (3)
- Complete the following:
 - ~~SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology (3)~~
 - ~~SOCI312 - Causes of Crime and Delinquency (3)~~
 - ~~SOCI416 - Sociology of Law (3)~~
- Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - ~~SOCI2120 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3)~~
 - ~~SOCI2210 - Sociology of Deviance (3)~~
- Complete the following:
 - ~~POLS1120 - American National Government (3)~~
 - ~~POLS315 - Constitutional Law: Powers (3)~~
 - ~~POLS316 - Constitutional Law: Liberties (3)~~
 - ~~POLS317 - Constitutional Law: Rights (3)~~
- Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - ~~GELR350 - Community Engaged Research I: Design (3)~~
 - ~~CJ301 - Communication Research Methods (3)~~
 - ~~GRP413 - Qualitative Research Methods (3)~~
 - ~~NATV2140 - Research Issues In Native America (3)~~
 - ~~NUTR301 - Nutrition Research and Writing (3)~~
 - ~~PSYC302 - Psychological Research Techniques (3)~~
 - ~~PH310 - Population Health Research Methods (3)~~
 - ~~POLS327 - Qualitative Research Methods (3)~~
 - ~~SOCI380 - Introduction to Research Methods (3)~~
- Note, most of the courses above have prerequisite requirements that must be completed first.
- Complete 2 of the following
 - Earned at least 12 credits from CRP, CELR, FCST, ECON, ENVS, FGS, GEOG, HIST, MGMT, PSYC, or PH
 - Earned at least 12 credits from AFST, AMST, CGS, INTS, LLSS, LTAM, MDVL, MSST, NATV, PGST, RELG, SUST, or WGSS
 - Earned at least 12 credits from AFAS, NVSG, or MLSL
 - Completion or testing equivalent of second semester intermediate non English language course from: • Arabic (ARBC) • Chinese (CHIN) • French (FREN) • Greek (GREK) • German (GRMN) • Italian (ITAL) • Japanese (JAPN) • Latin (LATN) • Navajo (NVJO) • Portuguese (PORT) • Russian (RUSS) • Signed Language Interpreting (SIGN) • Spanish (SPAN) • Swahili (SWAH)
- Complete 3 of the following
 - Earn at least 12 credits from the following:
 - COMM1130 - Public Speaking (3)
 - COMM2120 - Interpersonal Communication (3)
 - CJ323 - Nonverbal Communication (3)
 - CJ327 - Persuasive Communication (3)
 - CJ332 - Business and Professional Speaking (3)
 - CJ333 - Professional Communication (3)
 - CJ334 - Political Communication (3)
 - CJ337 - Rhetorical Theory (3)
 - CJ344 - Interviewing (3)
 - Earn at least 12 credits from the following:
 - ENGL2110 - Traditional Grammar (3)
 - ENGL2210 - Professional and Technical Communication (3)
 - ENGL2220 - Introduction to Professional Writing (3)
 - ENGL315 - Interdisciplinary Literary Studies (3)
 - ENGL319 - User-Centered Design and Usability (3)
 - ENGL320 - Topics in Advanced Expository Writing (3)
 - ENGL413 - Scientific, Environmental and Medical Writing (3)
 - ENGL414 - Documentation (3)
 - ENGL415 - Publishing (3)
 - ENGL416 - Biography and Autobiography (3)
 - ENGL417 - Editing (3)

- ENGL418 - Proposal and Grant Writing (3)
- ENGL419 - Visual Rhetoric (3)
- ENGL420 - Topics in Professional Writing (3)
- ENGL441 - English Grammars (3)
- Earn at least 12 credits from the following:
 - SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology (3)
 - SOCI2120 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3)
 - SOCI2210 - Sociology of Deviance (3)
 - SOCI312 - Causes of Crime and Delinquency (3)
 - SOCI415 - Inequality and Power (3)
 - SOCI416 - Sociology of Law (3)
 - SOCI424 - Race, Class and Crime (3)
 - SOCI425 - Crime Through the Life Course (3)
 - SOCI426 - Drugs, Crime and Social Control (3)
- Earn at least 12 credits from the following:
 - POLS1120 - American National Government (3)
 - POLS303 - Law in the Political Community (3)
 - POLS311 - The Legislative Process (3)
 - POLS312 - The American Presidency (3)
 - POLS313 - Women and the Law (3)
 - POLS315 - Constitutional Law: Powers (3)
 - POLS316 - Constitutional Law: Liberties (3)
 - POLS317 - Constitutional Law: Rights (3)
 - POLS373 - Politics, Policy and Management in Local Government (3)
 - POLS376 - Health Policy and Politics (3)
 - POLS377 - Population Policy and Politics (3)
- Complete 2 of the following
 - If a student completes a fourth group from above, then completion of only one of the following groups is required.
 - Earned at least 12 credits from ACCT, CJ, COMM, CRP, CELR, CS, CJUS, CRJS, ECON, ENGL, ENVS, GEOG, HIST, MGMT, PHIL, POLS, PSY, PADM, PH, or SOCI
 - Earned at least 12 credits from AFST, AMST, CCS, CCST, FCS, FCST, INTS, LLSS, LTAM, MDVL, MSST, NATV, PCST, RELG, SUST, or WMST
 - Earned at least 12 credits from AFAS, MLSL, or NVSC
 - Earned at least 12 credits from HNRS or UHON
 - Completion or testing equivalent of second-semester intermediate non-English language course from: • Arabic (ARBC) • Chinese (CHIN) • French (FREN) • Greek (GREK) • German (GRMN) • Italian (ITAL) • Japanese (JAPN) • Latin (LATN) • Navajo (NVJO) • Portuguese (PORT) • Russian (RUSS) • Signed Language Interpreting (SIGN) • Spanish (SPAN) • Swahili (SWAH)
 - Please note, individual courses may not satisfy these two groups as well as the three groups above at the same time.

Grand Total Credits: 69

Concentration Description

The BA-LAIS concentration in Pre-Law provides the opportunity for students to develop a unique program of study combining courses from multiple University of New Mexico departments and/or colleges. This concentration is available to all students and does not necessarily lead to admission into a law program but is a good undergraduate option for students interested in legal careers and/or eventual graduate law school admission. No official minor is required to be declared with this concentration, but the use of existing departmental minor(s) outside LAIS is encouraged.