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LIBERAL STUDIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS

ONLINE

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REQUIRED COURSES:

The Liberal Studies program is a broad based general education program that allows each learner to customize a program in consultation with an academic advisor. However, within this broad context, the student will take:

1. 10 hours of University requirements
2. A 3-hour course in each of seven Boyer categories <http://go.uis.edu/Boyer>
3. Core courses: LIS 301 Self-directed Learning LIS 451 Senior Seminar

The Liberal Studies program assists students to design individualized degree plans consistent with the principles of a liberal education. The program structure emphasizes integrating key learning categories with a variety of instructional methods to form a variety of well-rounded and individualized academic experiences. Through customized learning activities, the liberal studies program assists students to deepen their understandings of the values, meaning, concerns, choices, and commitments that are basic to the quality of life.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Students who seek a bachelor's completion program with a multidisciplinary focus.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Interested students should contact Andy Egizi for support through admission and registration processes. See: www.uis.edu/liberalstudies/curriculum/onlineReq.html

Students must have:

- A minimum of 30 credit hours
- GPA of 2.00/4.00 from an accredited college or university
- 6 semester hours of English

Students with Associate of Arts and Science degrees from regionally accredited Illinois community colleges meet the general education requirements of UIS. Early application is advised as only a limited number of students are admitted each semester.

COST:

<https://www.uis.edu/cost-aid/cost-attendance/tuition-fees>

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Once admitted, students will be contacted by their academic advisor to schedule an advising appointment. Advising can be completed using Zoom or asynchronously using email. Initial advising appointments include a thorough review of transfer status and graduation requirements, a discussion of costs, an overview of services, and planning a first semester schedule.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

UIS is on a semester scheduling system.

PRIORITY DATES FOR APPLICATION TO THE LIS PROGRAM:

- Fall semester, March 15
- Spring semester, October 15
- Summer semester, March 15

DELIVERY MODE:

Entirely online. Lake County students who do not have access to a computer should contact the University Center for convenient computer access.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Through the UIS Follett's Bookstore: www.uis.bkstr.com or other online provider.

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Students may transfer up to 72 semester hours of lower division credit from an accredited Illinois community college or other institution. Students may transfer additional upper division hours as long as the 30 hour UIS residence requirement is met, with the approval of their LIS program advisor.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

120 total semester hours are required, which must include at least 48 semester hours of upper-division credit.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Call (217) 206-6724 or see: www.uis.edu/financialaid.