



FALL 2023 SUGGESTED COURSES

Liberal Studies (LS)

Course Load

As you adjust to the quarter system and/or a new environment, we recommend enrolling in **12-16 units**, with no more than 1 lab.

All course descriptions can be found in the [Cal Poly Catalog](#).

Course Suggestions

Pay special attention to the footnotes on your curriculum sheet. If a major or concentration course is also a GE, it can be used to fulfill both the major or concentration and GE requirements.

MAJOR

- **LS 301:** Liberal Studies Career Preparation (1 unit, offered Fall and Spring quarters)
- **LS 230 or LS 250:** Classroom Field Experience (2 units). You may take these in any order but never take them during the same quarter.
- Take one, two or three of these courses with only one being an upper division course (a 300 or 400 level course): **LS 211, LS 214, LS 255, ENGL 391 or GEOG 308***, **KINE 310 or HLTH 443** (4 - 12 units)
- If needed, take: **ASTR 101, HIST 201, HIST 208, HIST 210, PSC 101, PSY 201/202, STAT 217, or EDUC 207** (0 - 4 units)
- Consider retaking **MATH 227:** Mathematics for Teaching Elementary I (0-4 units).
 - **Note:** We generally recommend that you take the entire Math teaching series at Cal Poly, unless you took a rigorous, student centered, inquiry-based course at your previous college. Please speak with an advisor if you're unsure about your MATH transfer credit/placement. We find that students that re-take MATH 227 do better in the following math series courses.

GE Area D Upper Division will be satisfied through completion of **GEOG 308 Global Geography*

CONCENTRATION

Concentration course selection will depend on your chosen concentration.

- If you are planning to declare the Science concentration, complete any remaining lower-division courses in CHEM, PHYS, or BIO.
- If you are planning to declare the Mathematics or Spanish concentration, or if you are unsure which concentration you should follow, please consult with an advisor.
- All concentrations can be found in the [Cal Poly Catalog](#)



GENERAL EDUCATION

If needed, complete any remaining lower-division GE courses. Otherwise, select an upper-division GE course from area B or C. Some GE courses may also be used to satisfy major or concentration requirements.

Other Graduation Requirements

GWR

The Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR) must be fulfilled by enrolling in a GWR-certified, upper-division course OR by completing a GWR Portfolio- UNIV 401. For more info on the GWR, visit <https://writingandlearning.calpoly.edu/GWR>

- To find out which classes can satisfy the GWR, select "Expand Filters" in the upper right-hand corner of the Schedule Builder screen and search by GWR.

USCP

Students must satisfy the United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) requirement.

- HIST 201, HIST 208 will satisfy the USCP which are major courses.

Additional Information

PERMISSION NUMBERS

- If you need a permission number for a class, please contact the instructor for that class section.

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