

## FALL 2026 SUGGESTED COURSES

# Liberal Studies (LS)

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## Course Load

As you adjust to Cal Poly and/or a new environment, we recommend enrolling in **12-16 units, with no more than 1 lab**. You can determine if your course has a lab by reading the course description. All course descriptions, including prerequisites, can be found in the [Cal Poly Catalog](#).

## Course Suggestions

Pay special attention to course descriptions and the footnotes on your curriculum sheet. Courses used in the core of a major cannot also be used toward a concentration/elective. However, if a major/support/concentration/elective course is also a GE, it can be used to fulfill both requirements.

### MAJOR

- **LS 3301:** Liberal Studies Career Preparation (1 unit)
- **LS 2230 or LS 3250:** Classroom Field Experience in the Elementary Classroom (2 units).
- *Strongly* consider taking **MATH 3481:** Mathematics for Elementary Teaching I (4 units).
- Take one, two or three of these courses with only one being an upper division course (a 3000 or 4000 level course): **LS 3211, LS 3214, LS 2255, LS 3310, LS 2370, ENGL 3391, or KINE 3310** (4-12 units)
- If needed, take: **HIST 2201, HIST 2210, PSC 1101, PSY 2201, STAT 1000/1110 or EDUC 2207.**

### 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 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages 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.

## Other Graduation Requirements

### GWR

[The Graduation Writing Requirement \(GWR\)](#) must be fulfilled by enrolling in a [GWR-certified course](#) or by completing a [GWR Portfolio](#).

### USCP

Students must satisfy the [United States Cultural Pluralism \(USCP\)](#) requirement. Please [click here](#) for a list of USCP courses in the Cal Poly catalog.

## Additional Information

### PERMISSION NUMBERS

If you need a permission number for a class, please contact the Liberal Studies Office.

### DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFO

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