University of Missouri—St. Louis

Reaching Out to You

You can earn a high quality, fully accredited, low-cost college degree that is close to home from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In cooperation with Jefferson College, Mineral Area College, St. Charles Community College, and St. Louis Community College, UMSL offers degree credit courses which lead to a smooth transition for transfer students interested in completing a Bachelor's degree. The faculty and staff of the community colleges and UMSL are committed to helping you achieve your academic goals.

Courses are offered in a variety of formats through the Off-Campus Degree Completion program, including on site and Internet-based classes. All courses are taught by UMSL faculty.

Please visit our website for more details:
https://www.umsl.edu/off-campus-degree-completion/liberal-studies.html

About the Program

The Bachelor of Liberal Studies (B.L.S.) is a degree program that enables students to combine structured academic emphases in ways more relevant to their interests, profession or area of expertise than the standard academic major. It provides a framework to assemble all of the educational opportunities that may be locally available into a coherent four-year educational program. Most of the total degree requirements can be transferred from accredited institutions. Coursework completed at community colleges or other accredited colleges and universities can be applied toward the degree, as well as applicable courses taken at the UMSL, both on and off campus. The B.L.S. may serve as a terminal degree or as preparation for graduate school, professional school, or employment in business, government or industry.

Students who participate in this program must declare their areas of study — two minors or a minor and a certificate — at the time they declare that B.L.S. is their intended degree. The plan of study should be approved by an Academic Adviser at the beginning of the program. Other specific degree program requirements will apply.

Areas of study for the B.L.S. include:

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- Foreign Languages and Literature
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics and Astronomy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre, Dance, and Media Studies
- Women’s and Gender Studies

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