## **Cleveland State University**

## **Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies**

## Effective Fall 2025

| First Year                               |         |       |         |   |         |       |         |  |
|--|---------|-------|---------|---|---------|-------|---------|--|
| Fall Semester                            | Credits | Major | Core    | Spring Semester                             | Credits | Major | Core    |  |
| Inquiry Launch Elective                  | 3       |       | IL      | Research & Professional Writing Elective    | 3       |       | RPW     |  |
| Finding Your Voice Elective              | 3       |       | FYV     | Quantitative & Formal Reasoning Elective    | 3       |       | QFR     |  |
| Human Culture & Creativity Elective      | 3       |       | HCC     | African-American History & Culture Elective | 3       |       | AAHC    |  |
| Society & Human Behavior Elective        | 3       |       | SHB     | Global Human Perspectives Elective          | 3       |       | GHP     |  |
| Foreign Language Requirement (if needed) | 4       |       | A&S-FLR | Foreign Language (if needed)                | 4       |       | A&S-FLR |  |
|  |         |       |         |   |         |       |         |  |
| Semester Total                           | 16      |       |         | Semester Total                              | 16      |       |         |  |

| Second Year                           |         |       |      |                                       |         |       |      |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|--|
| Fall Semester                         | Credits | Major | Core | Spring Semester                       | Credits | Major | Core |  |
| Scientific Inquiry Elective           | 3       |       | SI   | Scientific Inquiry Elective (w/ lab)  | 4       |       | SI   |  |
| Diversity in Society Elective         | 3       |       | DiS  | Data & Digital Literacy Elective*     | 3       |       | DDL  |  |
| Liberal Studies Social Science*       | 3       | Χ     |      | Liberal Studies Natural Science/Math* | 3       | Χ     |      |  |
| Liberal Studies Natural Science/Math* | 3       | Χ     |      | Liberal Studies Elective*             | 3       | Χ     |      |  |
| Liberal Studies Humanities/Fine Arts* | 3       | Χ     |      |                                       |         |       |      |  |
|                                       |         |       |      |                                       |         |       |      |  |
| Semester Total                        | 15      |       | ·    | Semester Total                        | 13      |       |      |  |

| Third Year                            |         |       |      |                                       |         |       |      |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|--|
| Fall Semester                         | Credits | Major | Core | Spring Semester                       | Credits | Major | Core |  |
| WAC/SPAC in major*                    | 3       |       | WAC  | Liberal Studies Natural Science/Math* | 3       | Χ     |      |  |
| Liberal Studies Natural Science/Math* | 3       | Χ     |      | Liberal Studies Social Science*       | 3       | Χ     |      |  |
| Liberal Studies Humanities/Fine Arts* | 3       | Χ     |      | Liberal Studies Elective*             | 3       | Χ     |      |  |
| Liberal Studies Social Science*       | 3       | Χ     |      | Liberal Studies Social Science*       | 3       | Χ     |      |  |
| Liberal Studies Humanities/Fine Arts* | 3       | Χ     |      | General Elective*                     | 3       |       |      |  |
|                                       |         |       |      |                                       |         |       |      |  |
| Semester Total                        | 15      |       |      | Semester Total                        | 15      |       |      |  |

| Fourth Year                           |         |       |      |                           |         |       |      |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|---------------------------|---------|-------|------|--|--|
| Fall Semester                         | Credits | Major | Core | Spring Semester           | Credits | Major | Core |  |  |
| WAC/SPAC Elective*                    | 3       |       | WAC  | Liberal Studies Capstone* | 3       | Χ     |      |  |  |
| Liberal Studies Elective*             | 3       | Χ     |      | Liberal Studies Elective* | 3       | Χ     |      |  |  |
| Liberal Studies Humanities/Fine Arts* | 3       | Χ     |      | Liberal Studies Elective* | 3       | Χ     |      |  |  |
| Liberal Studies Elective*             | 3       | Χ     |      | General Elective*         | 3       |       |      |  |  |
| Liberal Studies Elective*             | 3       | Χ     |      | General Elective*         | 3       | Χ     |      |  |  |
|                                       |         |       |      |                           |         |       |      |  |  |
| Semester Total                        | 15      |       |      | Semester Total            | 15      |       |      |  |  |
| Degree Total hours: 120 hours         |         |       |      |                           |         |       |      |  |  |

## Core Curriculum Key:

IL = Inquiry Launch (one course)

FYV = Finding Your Voice (one course, C or better required)

SHB = Society & Human Behavior (one course)
SI = Scientific Inquiry (two courses, one lab credit)

GHP = Global Human Perspectives (one course)

\*\* Inquiry Launch requirement is waived for transfer students.

QFR = Quantitative & Formal Reasoning (one course)

RPW = Research & Professional Writing (one course, C or better required)

HCC = Human Culture & Creativity (one course)

WAC/SPAC = Writing/Speaking Across the Curriculum Req (2 courses, one in the major)

AAHC = African-American History & Culture (one course)

DiS = Diversity in Society (one course)

DDL = Data & Digital Literacy (one course, can be satisfied by a second FQR course)

\*Liberal Studies majors are required to take 60 credit hours, including at least 24 credits at the 300/400 level. The 60 credit hours are distributed as follows: 12 credit hours in each of three distribution areas (Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences and Quantitative Literacy, Fine Arts and Humanities) and 24 elective credit hours. The capstone course is taken within, not in addition to, the 60 credits required for the major. A grade of C or better must be earned in all courses used to fulfill requirements for the major. General Electives ensure that a student accumulates the minimum 120 required credit hours for graduation. Of these 120 credit hours, a minimum of 36 credit hours in total must be upper division (300 or 400-level courses).

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