



New Program Report

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Institution

Truman State University

Site Information

Implementation Date:

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Added Site(s):

Selected Site(s):

Truman State University, 100 East Normal, Kirksville, MO, 63501-9980

CIP Information

CIP Code:

240101

CIP Description:

A program that is a structured combination of the arts, biological and physical sciences, social sciences, and humanities, emphasizing breadth of study. Includes instruction in independently designed, individualized, or regular programs.

CIP Program Title:

Liberal Arts and Sciences/Liberal Studies

Institution Program Title:

Liberal Studies

Degree Level/Type

Degree Level:

Bachelor's Degree

Degree Type:

Bachelor of Arts

Options Added:

Collaborative Program:

N

Mode of Delivery

Current Mode of Delivery

Classroom

Hybrid

Online

Student Preparation



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Special Admissions Procedure or Student Qualifications required:

All admissions procedures are consistent with those used for other bachelor’s degree programs at Truman. This particular program focuses on degree completion. Consequently, participating students are already students at Truman and are switching programs to respond to life circumstances that prevent completing another major on campus.

Specific Population Characteristics to be served:

This program is aimed at students who, because of life circumstances, can no longer complete an on-ground program at Truman State University and must complete the requirements for their degree from a distance. Such a program serves the interests of students who may be at risk for not completing their degree, those who have family interests that keep them away from Kirksville, or those who need to seek employment elsewhere for economic reasons.

Faculty Characteristics

Special Requirements for Assignment of Teaching for this Degree/Certificate:

The faculty characteristics do not differ from those of regular Truman faculty as the coursework (with the exception of the capstone) is drawn from existing coursework that is part of other majors and the existing core curriculum.

Estimate Percentage of Credit Hours that will be assigned to full time faculty:

The proportion of full-time and part-time faculty committed to this program will mirror that of the University as a whole because the coursework draws from offerings already scheduled by the University. Students will enroll in online sections of courses already offered on campus.

Expectations for professional activities, special student contact, teaching/learning innovation:

Faculty will be primarily responsible for student teaching, advising, and supervision. The professional advisors in the Center for Academic Excellence will further support the faculty in their advising because the degree aims to assist with retention and completion. Because the University will be offering courses entirely online, faculty will be expected to engage in a regular cycle of course “refresh” activities to keep content current.

Student Enrollment Projections Year One-Five

Year 1	Full Time: 5	Part Time: 10	
Year 2	Full Time: 5	Part Time: 10	
Year 3	Full Time: 5	Part Time: 10	Number of Graduates: 15
Year 4	Full Time: 5	Part Time: 10	
Year 5	Full Time: 5	Part Time: 10	Number of Graduates: 15

Percentage Statement:

n/a

Program Accreditation

Institutional Plans for Accreditation:

There are no special accreditation opportunities in this field.

Program Structure



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Total Credits:

120

Residency Requirements:

45 credits toward the degree must be taken at Truman. The last 28 credits normally are taken at Truman, but this requirement can be waived for comparable coursework at other institutions if online equivalents are not available at Truman to facilitate timely completion of the student's program.

General Education Total Credits:

42

Major Requirements Total Credits:

45

Course(s) Added

COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS	COURSE TITLE
INDV 498	3	Liberal Studies Capstone Seminar

Free Elective Credits:

33

Internship or other Capstone Experience:

Please see attachment for how the major curriculum is personalized. All students must complete a capstone experience. In instances where a student has a significant concentration of courses in a particular discipline, the student may negotiate with the department to take their capstone. If not, a general capstone course is available for students in this major.

Assurances

I certify that the program is clearly within the institution's CBHE-approved mission. The proposed new program must be consistent with the institutional mission, as well as the principal planning priorities of the public institution, as set forth in the public institution's approved plan or plan update.

I certify that the program will be offered within the proposing institution's main campus, CBHE-approved service region or CBHE-approved off-site location.

I certify that the program will not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program within the geographically applicable area.

I certify that the program will build upon existing programs and faculty expertise.

I certify that the program can be launched with minimal expense and falls within the institution's current operating budget.

I certify that the institution has conducted research on the feasibility of the proposal and it is likely the program will be successful. Institutions' decision to implement a program shall be based upon demand and/or need for the program in terms of meeting present and future needs of the locale, state, and nation based upon societal needs, and/or student needs.

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Truman Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BA) Curriculum

CORE

Disciplinary Perspectives

Communication Skills Perspective

- ENG 190 – Writing as Critical Thinking (3 cr.)

Plus one of the following

- COMM 170 – Public Speaking (3 cr.)
- COMM 252 – Interpersonal Communication (3 cr.)
- COMM 276 – Oral Advocacy and Debate (3 cr.)

Social Perspective

- 9+ credits from 2+ disciplinary prefixes
- Includes Missouri Statute requirement (1-3 credits)

STEM Perspective

- Lab Science Course (4+ credits)
- Precalculus or its equivalent, or Calculus (3+ credits)
- One additional science course (3+ credits)

Arts and Humanities Perspective

- 9+ credits from 2+ disciplinary prefixes

Statistics Perspective

One of the following

- STAT 190 – Basic Statistics (3 credits)
- STAT 290 – Statistics (3 credits)

Interconnecting Perspectives

Truman Symposium & Self and Society Seminar/Transfer Seminar

- Symposium TRU 100 or TRU 300 (1 credit)
- Seminar TRU 110, 111, etc. (3 credits) or TRU 310 (1 credit)

Junior Interdisciplinary Seminar – Writing Enhanced (3 credits)

Writing Enhanced Courses

- 2 additional writing enhanced courses (6+ credits)

Foreign Language

- Elementary proficiency (0-8 credits)

Intercultural Requirement

- One course (0-5 credits)

DEGREE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Disciplinary Capstone (0+ credits – varies by major)
- Writing About Research (0+ credits – varies by major)
- 40+ credits at the 300-level or above

BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENT

Intermediate proficiency in ONE foreign language

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (45 credits)

Each Liberal Studies major must include an approved “Concentration” students develop under the guidance of their academic advisor as part of their major plan. Students meet the requirements of a completed major when they do the following:

- Students must have at least one cluster of courses, from the same discipline, amounting to at least 15 credit hours. Students are encouraged, but not required, to complete additional clusters. Wherever possible, students are encouraged to follow the structure and sequencing of existing majors or minors in formulating their concentration plans.
- At least 27 credit hours counted toward the major plan must be at the 300-level or higher.
- Students must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in the major to complete the Liberal Studies degree program successfully.
- Students must complete INDV 4XX – Liberal Studies Capstone: Senior Assignment. A student may request to substitute a major-specific capstone course with the approval of their advisor, the chair of the department, and the Director of Retention and Student Success.
- 45 credits toward the degree must be taken at Truman.*
- Students may earn minors as part of their degree, but the minors may not count toward the fulfillment of the required Liberal Studies major credits or the required concentration within the major.

ELECTIVES

Electives to Total 120 Credits

Notes:

- *Although 45 credits toward the degree, including a minimum of 15 credits in the major, must be taken at Truman, in order to accommodate completion of the degree for students who may be remotely located, the customary requirement that the final 28 hours of the degree must be taken in residence *may* be waived with the approval of the Director of Retention and Student

Success. Students should consult with their academic advisor when selecting coursework for transfer back to Truman.

- Students must complete all other degree requirements including the Civics Exam, Senior Test, Truman portfolio, and 40 credits of coursework at the 300-level and above.
- The Liberal Studies major may not be taken as a second or subsequent degree.

CATALOG COPY

(CIP Code 24.0101: LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, GENERAL STUDIES AND HUMANITIES)

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree serves the needs of students who, upon attaining at least 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework, wish to pursue a less-structured program of learning on a specific topic of interest. The degree retains the full benefits of the University's Dialogues curriculum, including its coursework in communication, history and social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, the arts and humanities, statistics, and more. With all core degree requirements offered online, the degree facilitates timely completion of degrees started on-ground at Truman or other institutions and prepares students for entry into productive and fulfilling careers. In lieu of a formal major, students graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in their chosen area of focus.

Students pursuing the bachelor's degree, upon completion of their program, in addition to fulfilling the objectives of the general education curriculum, will be able to:

- Articulate and demonstrate the interconnectedness of knowledge and academic disciplines;
- Describe and summarize the strengths and limitations of different approaches to thinking, particularly those that blossom from disciplines relevant to their concentration;
- Apply acquired knowledge to experiences beyond the classroom;
- Explain the purpose and benefits of a liberal arts education;
- Formulate and defend a justification of the importance and significance of linkages between selected coursework for the fulfillment of intended career goals;
- Explain the value of lifelong learning and articulate plans or aspirations for learning goals after graduation;
- Create a portfolio of artifacts that demonstrate preparation for future career and educational paths as engaged citizens.

PROGRAM ADMISSION

Any student who enrolls at Truman is eligible for admission to the Liberal Studies major, but must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Has earned at least 60 credit hours before applying to the program, and has a minimum of three semesters (excluding summer) of undergraduate study at Truman
- Has proposed a plan of work in consultation with an advisor, which shall be approved by the Director of Retention and Student Success.

NOTE FOR STUDENTS WHO ENTERED TRUMAN PRIOR TO FALL 2019

Applying to enroll in this degree program will necessitate a change of catalogs. All Liberal Studies Program coursework will be applied to the new Dialogues curriculum. Truman Week and the Health and Wellness requirement will be accepted as a substitution for the Truman Symposium and the Self & Society Seminar.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Dialogues Requirements

- Disciplinary Perspectives: 37 credits
- Interconnecting Perspectives: 5+ credits

Bachelor of Arts Requirement: 0-8 credits

- Intermediate proficiency in ONE foreign language

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 45 credits

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