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Programs of Study

Humanities
The Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies, Humanities Concentration, is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary online degree program. The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree online by gaining a thorough understanding of the humanities, the interconnections among them, and their relevance to individuals and to modern society. The humanities are broadly defined to include those disciplines that study people—their ideas, their history, their literature, their artifacts, and their values. The program will investigate individual people in their solitude, life together in societies, and models of and for reality that constitute cultures. Individual courses will tackle the Big Questions that have been the traditional province of the humanities such as “What makes a life worth living?” Upon completion of the Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies Humanities Concentration students will be able to:

• Think critically and analytically.
• Communicate clearly and effectively.
• Understand and explain interconnections among the Humanities disciplines.
• Appreciate the wide range of human experience.
• Achieve increased depth of knowledge in one of the four categories of the Humanities: Literature, Fine Arts, Philosophy/Religion/Ethics, Historical Perspectives.

Professional Studies
The Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies, Professional Studies concentration, is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary online program. The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree online by combining course work from the humanities, social sciences, and other fields in a curriculum that emphasizes the skills and knowledge that will be helpful in the workplace. Upon completing the Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies Professional Studies Concentration students will be able to:

• Communicate clearly and effectively in an appropriate professional style.
• Read texts with careful attention.
• Think critically and analytically.
• Connect learning in the humanities, social sciences, and other fields to their professional lives.

Social Sciences
The Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies, Social Sciences Concentration, is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary online program. The program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree online by gaining a broad-based understanding of the social sciences. The social sciences are the fields of academic scholarship that explore aspects of human behavior and societies. Upon completing the Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies Social Sciences concentration students will be able to:

• Engage theory and practice in the social sciences to better understand human behavior, activities, organizations, and cultures.
• Critically analyze social science related information in the popular media.
• Explain the interconnections, differences, and interdependence among the social sciences.
• Read, evaluate, and interpret research in the social sciences.
• Communicate clearly and effectively in an appropriate professional style.

General Psychology
The Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies, General Psychology concentration, creates an opportunity path for students interested in human services careers, which require psychological knowledge but not necessarily all the specific technical "know-how" of a Psychology BA or BS. UNCG has many students who graduate every year and work in the field broadly described as “human services” that include everything from activities coordinators at nursing homes to case managers in the juvenile justice system. These students are often interested in psychology and require knowledge about human behavior and cognition but will not be working in the therapeutic or research settings that a Psychology BA or BS prepares them for. The BLS General Psychology concentration allows these students to tailor psychology class selections to the settings they plan on working in, with a broader research methods class

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that provides preparation applicable in most workplaces (survey and
observational research, rather than laboratory experiments). The BLS
General Psychology concentration also requires a capstone experience
designed to reinforce the knowledge students have gained from an
interdisciplinary point of view, preparing them for their careers of interest.
Upon completion of the Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies General
Psychology Concentration students will be able to:

• Communicate clearly and effectively in an appropriate professional
  style.
• Connect learning in the humanities, social sciences, and other fields
to their professional lives, emphasizing current research in the field of
  psychology.
• Think critically and analytically about behavior and mental processes.
• Understand and explain interconnections between psychology and
  other fields.

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The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Program offers the following
concentrations in the Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies Major:

• Humanities
• Professional Studies
• Social Sciences
• General Psychology

Students in the BLS Program who have previously completed a foreign
language through the 102 level, with a subsequent learning gap of five
years or more, may apply to the program for permission to use culture-
track courses in English (from a list pre-approved by the College Appeals
Committee) as substitutions for the intermediate-level 203 and 204
language classes.

See the Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies Major (https://
catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/special-programs-liberal-studies-major/)
for requirements.