

LIBERAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Applied Arts and Sciences

Applied Arts and Sciences encourages innovative graduate studies across traditional disciplinary boundaries. Its applied integrative approach fuses the study of the arts and sciences with methodologies encouraging social innovation and collaborative creativity.

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The Archaeology Program at UNC Greensboro introduces students to past civilizations and cultures around the globe and to the analytical methods, techniques, and theories that archaeologists use to facilitate their study. The major is designed to develop anthropological, historical, and geographical perspectives in archaeological research, encompassing

prehistoric and early historic cultures. The Program's faculty is actively involved in research and/or fieldwork in Africa, the Mediterranean region, the Middle East, North America and South America, and students participate in these or other field work projects in addition to meeting classroom requirements. Graduates of the Program are prepared for advanced training in archaeology and museum studies; cultural resource management; team leading in a variety of settings; and other professions for which critical thinking and good communication skills are necessary.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

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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 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.

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

All four concentrations are offered in an online format.

The following modification of the CIC requirements apply to students in the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program:

1. Students who transfer in 60+ credit hours and do not have 101 and 102 of an additional language can complete 6 credit hours (or 3 credit hours if they have 101 credit) of MAC Global Engagement and Intercultural Learning (C9) courses to satisfy the additional language requirement.
2. The breadth of knowledge requirement and the additional language requirement are waived for reactivated students and students who change their major from outside of CAS with 90 or more credits.

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/liberal-and-professional-studies/liberal-and-interdisciplinary-studies-ba/>) for requirements.

Integrated Professional Studies

Program Faculty

David Bull, Lecturer
Sarah Dunning, Lecturer

Affiliated Faculty

Alan Benson, Megan Cayton, Amy Ernstes, Laura Field, Robbie Furter, Angela Kinsey, Carrie Levesque, Melissa Roberts, Joseph Ross, Megan Rudock, Jeffrey Sarbaum, Jenni Simon, John Stinnett, Frannie Varker, Mike Watson

Overview

Take your career to the next level with a degree that makes you stand out. Develop the expertise you need and the skills employers want as you learn to see and think from different perspectives.

Earn your B.S. in Professional Studies online at UNCG to:

- Master critical thinking and problem solving skills in fully online courses.
- Practice skills with real-world projects, not endless exams.
- Develop depth of interest and breadth of perspective that employers want.
- Chart a clear path to graduation with a team that supports you.

Career Preparation

Research shows that employers are looking for professionals with a T shape—having the depth in an area of interest and the breadth to see and think from different perspectives. Employers say these skills are lacking in today's graduates, so the Professional Studies program was designed to develop them. Students build on existing knowledge in a field while gaining skills that apply to any workplace and any role.

The Professional Studies program offers multiple entry points for new freshman, transfer students as well as change of major students. The core courses in the program contribute to a breadth of knowledge while the courses in a selected 'area of focus' offer the depth of knowledge in a discipline. Six core courses build on each other and help identify patterns, interpret data, work collaboratively to solve problems, and make informed decisions. The Capstone at the end of the program provides students with an opportunity to apply and demonstrate their learning by creating an electronic portfolio.

The Professional Studies Difference

The program was designed to meet the needs of all students—from the job seeker to the working professional. All Professional Studies courses are seven weeks long, and offered online. Also, there are no set class times. There will be set due dates for assignments and projects, but otherwise the program offers the flexibility for students to pursue their degree without class meetings. At the same time, instructors use a variety of tools to personalize the online classroom.

The Bachelor's in Professional Studies is intentionally structured to challenge students to think and learn in new ways, and real-world projects and case studies form the foundation for learning. The focus is on thinking critically, interpreting data, and solving problems, all of which can be used immediately in the workplace.

In addition, students receive customized support designed on the basis of career goals, interests, and transfer credits that creates a clear path to graduation.

Course Highlights

Design and Systems Thinking (IPS 300)

How do thoughts, perspectives, models, patterns, and perceptions impact the world? That will be the focus of this course, as you apply systems-thinking tools to case studies and a real-world example of your own choosing.

Global Awareness and Intercultural Competence (IPS 305)

In today's workplace, cultural competence and empathy are more important than ever. Increase your global awareness and learn how to use empathy effectively when working with other cultures.

International and Global Studies

Mission Statement

The International and Global Studies Program educates and empowers students to be engaged global citizens. Our interdisciplinary, liberal arts approach emphasizes intercultural competency, strong foreign language proficiency, and a critical understanding of the complexity and interconnectedness of world regions and populations. Study Abroad and other cross-cultural experiences are also integral components of the Program. We therefore prepare our students for a variety of public- and private-sector careers where these qualities and experiences are valued, as well as for graduate and professional studies in fields with an international or global focus.

Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies Major Concentrations in the International and Global Studies Program

Concentration areas afford intellectual and curricular definition to each student's course of study. Majors, second majors, and minors should select the concentration area that best complements their interests.

Functional Studies

- **International and Global Affairs and Development** (major concentration)
A study of the political, sociological, economic, environmental, and health-related issues and the interdependence among peoples, governments, and nations of the world.
- **International and Global Arts and Belief Systems** (major concentration)
A study of the arts, literatures, philosophies, and belief systems unique to and interconnecting other nations and peoples of the world.
- **International and Global Human Rights** (major concentration)
A study of the foundations of freedom, justice, and peace as they relate to the protection of the dignity and rights of human beings around the world.

Regional Studies

- Asian Studies (major concentration or minor)
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies (major concentration or minor)
- Russian Studies (major concentration or minor)
- African Studies (minor)
- European Studies (minor)

International/Global Experience (IGE)

By the end of their final semester of study, all IGS majors must have completed an approved "international" or "global" experience. This requirement will be met by completing a qualified study-abroad experience that satisfies the requirements listed below.

A Qualified Study-Abroad Experience

Study abroad affords the greatest opportunity for total immersion in another socio-political, economic, and cultural context, thus enhancing knowledge, skills, and dispositions central to the major. In addition, course work completed during study abroad typically has application toward the major's curricular requirements (especially IGS's foreign language and/or Additional Course

requirements). The characteristics listed below shall distinguish such an experience as “qualified”.

- Any semester- or year-long study abroad experience with exchange partners arranged through UNC Greensboro’s International Programs Center (IPC).
- A short-term or summer study-abroad program approved by IPC or the IGS Director and equivalent to at least 6 credits of academic credit.

Note: whenever possible, students should select a study abroad site that affords an immersion experience for the foreign language they are studying to meet the IGS FL requirement.

Confirmation of completion of this requirement will be documented on the IGS Degree Audit following review of the student’s UNC Greensboro transcript or UNC Greensboro degree evaluation. This audit will be submitted to the University Registrar’s Office at the end of the major’s program of study.

Study Abroad Alternative

In circumstances where study abroad is unfeasible (e.g., in cases of serious financial or personal hardship) or redundant (e.g., in cases of international students), a major must submit a “Study Abroad Alternative” request to the IGS director, who will assess the validity of the case. Should the study abroad obligation be waived, the IGE requirement should be met by completing the UNC Greensboro Global Leadership Program (GLP) by the student’s final semester of study. The GLP offers students who are interested in international and global societies and issues an opportunity to hone the range of skills necessary to develop as global leaders. Through a combination of experiences involving work with immigrants and refugees in the local community and/or foreign students on campus, GLP participants will prepare themselves to become engaged world citizens with an appreciation of the importance of intercultural understanding.

Additional alternatives may be available. Contact the IGS director for details.

Category Descriptions for Major Requirements

Courses to fulfill the 18 credits in the major requirements are chosen from among the four categories. A unique set of courses by category are identified in the Additional Courses Options for each concentration. Eligible courses must also focus at least 51 percent on the modern period (19th century to the present), except as noted in the Additional Courses Options.

Category 1—Society and Politics (S&P)

Any course with a 51 percent or more focus on social, historical, and political issues of international and/or global relevance.

Category 2—Economics and Development (E&D)

Any course with a 51 percent or more focus on issues related to international and global economics and development such as: regional and global economic integration, industrialization versus basic-needs, environmental sustainability, and international human health.

Category 3—Arts and Literature (A&L)

Any course with a 51 percent or more focus on the arts and/or literatures of nations and cultures outside of the United States, or any course reading literature in a foreign language at the 300 level or above.

Category 4—Belief Systems and Cultures (BS&C)

Any course with a 51 percent or more focus on ideologies, philosophies, and belief systems unique to and/or interconnected with other nations and peoples of the world.

Graduate Programs

- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Global Studies
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in eLearning

Senior Lecturer

Joyce Francis Clapp
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Matthew John McKinnon
Ann E. Millett

Lecturer

David M Bull
Sarah Gurney Dunning
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Graduate-level faculty.

- Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies, B.A. (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/liberal-and-interdisciplinary-studies-ba/>)
- Professional Studies Online, B.S. (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/professional-studies-online-bs/>)
- African Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/african-studies-minor/>)
- Archaeology Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/archaeology-minor/>)
- Asian Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/asian-studies-minor/>)
- European Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/european-studies-minor/>)
- International and Global Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/international-global-studies-minor/>)
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/latin-american-and-caribbean-studies-minor/>)
- Russian Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/russian-studies-minor/>)
- Videogaming and Esports Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/videogaming-esports-studies-minor/>)
- Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies, M.A. (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/liberal-interdisciplinary-studies-ma/>)
- eLearning, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/elearning-pbc/>)

- Global Studies, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/global-studies-pbc/>)