

Approx. program length:

**4 years, 1 month**

Credits:

**121**

Cost per credit:

**\$398**

Tuition Guarantee

Format:

**Online & campus**

## Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies Degree

Broaden your horizons through liberal studies and pursue a future in teaching. Our Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies is designed to prepare students with no prior teaching experience for a multiple subject teaching credential in California.

Field experiences are integrated throughout the program, finishing with a student teaching requirement that's above and beyond program coursework. And, you'll work with dedicated education staff who will help you through state licensures and other credential processes.

### You'll learn how to:

- Design and implement effective elementary classroom instruction
- Apply professional ethics to teaching practices
- Meet the instructional needs of diverse elementary student populations
- Create innovative strategies and incorporate technology into the classrooms
- Gain knowledge, skills and dispositions to meet the California Teaching Performance Expectations

Projected job growth:

**7%**

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

## What can you do with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies?

A BS/LS can prepare you to be:

- Kindergarten teacher
- Elementary school teacher

## Possible career outcomes for graduates of this program

- Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education

## Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), [hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org). Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.

Total credits required:

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**121**

## Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 121 credits to complete this Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies degree. Your course schedule may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

### 13 Core courses

Here's where you'll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a professional environment.

- GEN/201: Foundations for University Success
- EDU/300CA: Orientation to Teacher Education
- EDU/301CA: Foundations of Education
- EDU/305CA: Child Development
- EDU/311CA: Models and Theories of Instruction
- RDG/420CA: Elementary Methods: Reading and Language Arts
- ELL/300: Instructional Methods for English Language Learners
- SPE/300CA: Orientation to the Exceptional Child
- EDU/321CA: Classroom Management
- TPA/100: TPA Planning and Instruction
- EED/436CA: Elementary Methods: Social Science and Fine Arts
- EED/438CA: Elementary Methods: Mathematics and Science
- TPA/200: TPA Instruction and Assessment

### 27 General Education courses

These courses lay the foundation for all our degree programs. Because communication, math and writing skills aren't just universally applicable in the world of teaching – they're useful in daily life.

- HUM/115: Critical Thinking in Everyday Life
- ENG/110: English Composition I
- ARTS/100: Introduction to the Visual and Performing Arts
- ENG/210: English Composition II
- SCI/163T: Elements of Health and Wellness
- HIS/110CA: U.S. History to 1865
- RDG/201CA: Reading and Writing Concepts
- HPE/270: Physical Education and Health for Educators
- HST/165: U. S. History 1865 to 1945
- CHM/110: Introductory Chemistry
- HST/275: Global Civilizations to 1500
- PHY/101: Fundamentals of Physics
- HST/276: Global Civilizations Since 1500
- BIO/101T: Principles of Biology
- MTH/215T: Quantitative Reasoning I
- MTH/216T: Quantitative Reasoning II
- ARTS/230: Survey of the Visual Arts
- SCI/209: Oceanography
- MTH/213: Mathematics for Elementary Educators I
- MTH/214: Mathematics for Elementary Educators II
- HIS/305: California State History
- ARTS/340: Exploration of Western Classical Music
- ENG/380: Applied Linguistics
- ENG/437CA: Literary Genres Across Cultures
- RDG/350: Children's Literature
- PHL/310CA: Critical Thinking Across Disciplines
- HUM/375CA: Integrative Studies
- ENG/135: Essentials of Contemporary Communication
- GLG/220: Physical Geology

## 2 Clinical Practice/Student Teaching courses

During your clinical practice experience — one of the final steps to complete your degree — you'll complete a rigorous student teaching experience where you will apply your instruction and classroom management skills full time. Working under the supervision of a teacher and a University of Phoenix faculty advisor, you'll develop lesson plans, teach, work with diverse student populations and incorporate technology into the classroom.

## COE Central

College of Education students will find many helpful resources on [COE Central](#). Program handbooks provide a wealth of information on topics such as professional expectations, clinical experiences, clinical practice, internships, TPA and much more. Milestone roadmaps, technology and multimedia resources, and various toolkits are also available.

## Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule your classes.

Plus, you'll find plenty of support from our dedicated program support specialists who partner with you during your 100 required hours of clinical experience (or more if required by your state) and clinical practice. Our program support specialists also help you navigate the world of state licensure requirements, special education teacher certification and any questions or obstacles you encounter along the way.

## What You'll Learn

When you earn your BS in Liberal Studies, you'll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

Topics covered in this degree include:

- Design and implement effective elementary classroom instruction
- Apply professional ethics to teaching practices
- Meet the instructional needs of diverse elementary student populations
- Create innovative strategies and incorporate technology into the classrooms
- Gain knowledge, skills and dispositions to meet California Teaching Performance Expectations

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, students who graduate from the College of Education should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies degree, you should be able to perform these [learning outcomes](#).

## Program Purpose Statement

The Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies is an undergraduate degree program intended to prepare students with no prior teaching experience for initial teacher licensure. The program includes a clinical component requiring field experiences and student teaching above and beyond program coursework.

Requirements for licensure vary by state. [See your state's requirements](#).

There may be additional qualifications and/or disqualifications applicable in order to work as a teacher with any local, state or federal entity.