

LIBERAL ARTS BA

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts is a fully online program offering a broad multidisciplinary approach to earning a higher education degree. Students are exposed to courses across various areas of study at Chico State.

Graduates of this program emerge as versatile thinkers capable of addressing multifaceted societal and workplace challenges. They are equipped with strategies to contribute meaningfully to their professional and personal lives. Their ability to work collaboratively and think critically is vital for professional development and sets them up for success in many different and emerging industries.

In today's rapidly evolving workplace, where technology and global interconnectedness shape every industry, the value of a liberal arts degree lies in its ability to produce graduates with intellectual flexibility. Instead of being specialists in one field, graduates thrive in varied disciplines and career paths.

The online program is ideal for full-time working professionals who want to return to college, complete their degrees, and advance in their careers. It is designed for students who want to explore multiple areas of study or have career goals that don't fit into a single discipline. The flexibility of this degree prepares students for diverse careers, including but not limited to business or nonprofit management, writing, public relations, social services, urban planning, local government, and more.

E-advising Tools

Use the interactive e-advising tools designed to help students graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center in the Portal (<https://portal.csuchico.edu>).

Grading Requirement

All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

Course Requirements for the Major: 51 units

Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

Course	Title	Units
Capstone		
LART 400W		3
Domain 1: Technology, Literature, and the Arts		
MADT 303W	Communication Criticism (W)	3
Select three of the following:		9
ENGL 350W	Science, Technology and the Literature of Cultural Change (W)	
ENGL 338W	Environmental Rhetoric (W)	
GEOG 305	Mobile, Wired, and Tracked: Our Digital Planet	
HUMN 324W	Seminar: Asian Film and Literature (W)	
JOUR 255	Digital Literacy and Media Technology	
JOUR 260W	Writing for Mass Media (W)	
JOUR 411	Race and Diversity in Media	

KINE 295	Disability and Physical Activity in the Media
LANC 380	Language and Culture in Film
MADT 307	Technology and Communication
MUSC 292	The Appreciation of Music
RELS/SOCI 341	Science, Technology, and Religion
RELS 403	Religion and the Arts
SOSC 300	Great Books and Ideas in the Social Sciences
THEA 254	History of the American Musical: Oklahoma! to Hamilton

Domain 2: History, Society, and Power

Select four of the following:		12
ANTH/AIST 362W	California Indians (W)	
ECON 340W	Work, Wealth, and Income Distribution (W)	
GEOG 303	Geography and World Affairs	
GEOG 352	The United States	
GEOG 357	Lands and Peoples of Latin America	
HIST/WMST 326	Gender and Sexuality in Modern European History	
HIST/WMST 335	Gender and Sexuality in American History	
HIST/MEST 363	The Modern Middle East	
HUMN 300W	Conservatives and Liberals (W)	
JOUR 322	History of American Journalism	
KINE/SOCI 346	Sport and Society	
MCGS 350	Issues in Racial and Ethnic Equity	
PHIL 337W	Philosophy of Race (W)	
PSYC 315	Environmental Psychology	
PSYC 341	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
PSYC 391	Psychology of Prejudice, Hate, and Violence	
RELS 332	World Religions and Global Issues	
RELS 402	Religion, Sex, and Gender	
SOSC 303W	Cultural Concepts: Human Social Evolution (W)	

Domain 3: Food, Health, and the Environment

Select four of the following:		12
ANTH 333	Nature, Culture, Environment	
ANTH 340W	Anthropology of Food (W)	
BIOL 334	Conservation Ecology	
ECON 352	Medical Economics	
ECON 365	Environmental Economics	
ERTH 320	Water Equity and Power	
ERTH 330W	Environmental Science (W)	
ERTH 355	Natural Disasters	
GEOG 304	Sustainability and Resilience	
HIST 341	American Environment	
NFSC 200W	Health at Every Size: A Non-Diet Approach to Wellness (W)	
NFSC 303	Nutrition and Physical Fitness	
NURS/MCGS 326W	Gender and Sexuality Perspectives on Disease (W)	
PHHA 323	International Health	

PHHA/WMST 368	Women's Health	
PHHA 370	Drugs in Our Society	
PHIL 327	Health Ethics	
PSSC 390	Food Forever: Comparisons of Sustainable Food Production Systems	
PSSC 392	World Food and Fiber Systems	
Domain 4: Social Welfare, Human Development, and Community		
Select four of the following:		12
CHLD 333W	Children's Gender and Sexuality Development (W)	
CHLD 360	Social-Emotional Intelligence: Development and Learning	
EDTE 302	Access and Equity in Education	
ENGL 342W	Literature of the Child (W)	
KINE 302	Foundations of Childhood Physical Education	
LANC 355	Bilingualism in North America	
PHIL 323W	Moral Issues in Parenting (W)	
PSYC 355	Survey of Child and Adolescent Psychology	
PSYC 393	Psychology of Romantic Relationships	
RHPM 441	Public Involvement in Natural Resource Management	
SOCI 335	Women, Work, and Family	
SOCI 363	Sociology of Human Stress	
SPED 343	Overview of Special Education	
SWRK 320	Child Welfare	
SWRK 474	Policy and Programs for Older Adults	
SWRK 478	Mental Health Wellness and Recovery	
Total Units		51

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/>) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 43 units

See General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#gerequirementstext>) and the Class Schedule (<http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/>) for the most current information on General Education requirements and course offerings.

American Institutions Course Requirements: 6 units

The American Institutions graduation requirement, as mandated in Title 5, Section 40404 ([https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I56C041434C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3/?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default))), requires that students satisfactorily complete courses in United States history, the US Constitution, and government and American ideals (including California state and local government). At Chico State, HIST 130 meets the US history requirement (US-1), and POLS 155 meets the US Constitution and government requirement (US-2) and the California state and local government requirement (US-3). POLS 155 also fulfills three units of GE Area 4, Social and Behavioral Sciences. See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/>)

[undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/#amin](https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/#amin)) for more information.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/>) for a full list of courses. Many courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/>).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (<https://www.csuchico.edu/pres/em/2017/17-009.shtml/>)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Writing and Math Requirements (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/writing-math-requirements/>) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

- MADT 303W Communication Criticism (W)

The second major-designated Writing course is the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GW) (EO 665 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9585618/latest/>)). Students must earn a C- or higher to receive GW credit. The GE English Composition (1A) (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education-academic-success/general-education/#1A>) requirement must be completed before a student is permitted to register for a GW course.

This online, state-support degree completion program is ideal for students who have completed at least 60 units of lower-division credit and want to finish their bachelor's degree. Transfer students who have completed lower-division GE and American Ideals/Institutions requirements can complete the program in four semesters. Students with more than 60 units of applicable transfer credit may complete sooner.