LIBERAL STUDIES (B.A.)

Program Overview
This degree program enables students, through a variety of learning experiences, to consider life in the contemporary world. The curriculum provides for development of writing, speaking, quantitative, and critical thinking skills and exposes students to bodies of knowledge shared by educated persons. Offered for adult students enrolled in CCS, the program provides an opportunity for students to share common learning experiences and to develop personal plans of study for career advancement, personal growth and graduate study.

Curriculum Overview
The Liberal Studies major provides students with a flexible curriculum whose goal is to further the personal interests and professional objectives of adult students. In addition to the Concentrations offered, students may propose concentrations of individual design (which must be approved by the faculty committee on individual study and a CCS advisor).

Degrees Offered
• B.A. in Liberal Studies

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Related Programs
• American Studies (http://catalog.rider.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/school-liberal-arts-sciences/majors-minors-certificates/american-studies)
• History (http://catalog.rider.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/school-liberal-arts-sciences/majors-minors-certificates/history)
• Political Science (http://catalog.rider.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/school-liberal-arts-sciences/majors-minors-certificates/political-science)
• Sociology (http://catalog.rider.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/school-liberal-arts-sciences/majors-minors-certificates/sociology)


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Total Credits 120

A candidate for graduation must complete a minimum of 120 credits. Of the required 120 credits, 36 must be in upper-level courses, as determined by the respective departments, including three credits from the liberal studies core and 18 from the concentration. A maximum of 30 credits from outside the arts and sciences may be presented for graduation.

¹ LIB 200 is waived for students who transfer 30 or more credits in Liberal Arts.
² The quantitative skills requirement can be met by successfully completing one course in college-level mathematics or statistics. For students who don’t transfer such a course to Rider, popular offerings include MTH 102 Finite Mathematics, MSD 104 Intro to Quantitative Methods, MSD 105 Quantitative Methods for Business, MSD 200 Statistical Methods I, MSD 201 Statistical Methods II, POL 230 Methods of Political Analysis PSY 101 Introduction to Research in Psychology, PSY 201 Statistics and Research Design, and other math courses approved by an advisor. Quantitative skills is not a core requirement in the Organizational Psychology (B.A.) (http://catalog.rider.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/continuing-studies/organizational-psych-ba) and Psychology - Online (B.A.) (http://catalog.rider.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/continuing-studies/organizational-psych-bsba) degree programs.

³ The information technology requirement may be fulfilled by completing CIS 185 Information Systems Essentials. Students who possess sufficient computer experience can gain credit for CIS 185 CIS 185 Information Systems Essentials through assessment (http://www.rider.edu/sites/default/files/docs/Credit_for_CIS_185.pdf).

LIB 200 Intro to Liberal Studies 3 Credits
Introduces students to the various perspectives and methods of the disciplines in liberal studies: natural and social sciences, humanities, and the arts. Students learn the multifaceted questions and answers offered by each discipline. They study the historical development of the university and the rise and transformation of liberal studies disciplines.

LIB 400 Seminar in Liberal Studies 3 Credits
A critical examination of the tradition of Western humanism and the way it has been transmitted through liberal arts education. Deals with a variable set of permanent problems in humanistic debate and learning e.g., specialization, the need for unifying theories of knowledge, the purpose of history, the place of intellectual life in mass society, the meaning of freedom, the modern problem of alienation, the responsibilities of the university, etc. Emphasis on why and how such problems have been addressed rather than any presumptive solutions.
LIB 490 Independent & Supervised Study 1-4 Credits
Independent and Supervised Study is available to CCS students for special study projects. Students must have completed a minimum of 45 credits applicable to a Rider degree and a minimum of 12 credit hours at Rider with a GPA of 2.5 or better. Each project may be taken for one-four credits and a maximum of six credits may be applied to the associate degree, 12 credits to the bachelor degree.