Overview of Major: The Liberal Studies major provides a rich, rigorous cross-disciplinary liberal arts program of study for opportunities in the field of Education.

There are **TWO Primary Program Options** for the Major, which include:

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<td>The BA <em>pathway</em> is our traditional teacher education program where students complete their Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. After completion of their B.A, they may continue their education as a post-bac student and complete a teaching credential or alternative program at CSULB or at another university.</td>
<td>The Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) combines the study of academic subject matter for elementary school teaching with professional preparation and student teaching. Successful completion of ITEP includes both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and Teaching Credential(s).</td>
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**Differences in Credentialing Experience/Admission**

- Two letters of recommendation required.
- Must re-apply to CSULB as post-bacalaureate student to continue into credential program.
- Upon reapplying to CSULB, student will receive new registration date & time for the semester they are returning. Continuing students register first.
- All credential coursework completed post-bac are recognized as post-bac credit on transcripts.
- Credential Tuition Prices.
- Student Teaching is completed in one semester, full-time (unless UTEACH).

- One letter of recommendation required.
- Student does not re-apply to CSULB.
- No change in registration date – continuing students register with their original registration/date time for following semester.
- ITEP students receive partial post-bac credit for credential program on transcripts, due to utilizing units for BA graduation minimum.
- Undergraduate Tuition Prices
- Student Teaching is completed in one or two semesters, alongside remaining coursework.

If a student wishes to pursue the ITEP program option and complete their undergraduate and credential coursework simultaneously, a student must submit a completed ITEP Credential Program Application by Senior Standing. After senior year begins, a student must remain in their designated program option until graduation.

If there are questions regarding this information, please contact the Teacher Preparation Advising Center at (562) 985-1105 or EED-67.
Frequently Asked Questions

Between ITEP & the BA Pathway, which option is “best” for me?
This answer depends on each student and is case-by-case. Read about the differences in how this affects applying to the Credential Program(s) and then choose the path that you prefer, that works for YOU! For more information about the program options and pathways in credentialing, refer to our Program Options page.

Between ITEP & the BA Pathway, which option will take more or less time to graduate?
A first-time freshman or transfer who follows the program very closely may be able to finish the BA and Credential(s) in 4 years, or 5 years if completing the BA requirements in a traditional 4-year time frame. Students often feel as though the BA Pathway is “shorter”, but this is due to graduating with a BA prior to moving onto the credential. Meet with an Advisor and/or use Degree Planner to determine estimates.

For the BA Pathway, what are the Concentration courses?
The concentration / subject matter courses consist of a series of elective courses (12 units) discussed and chosen between a student and their academic advisor. There are five concentrations including Language Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Education Studies, History & Social Science. The concentration does not authorize a student to teach a specific subject or add to credentialing - it is for the BA, to assist in completion of units for graduation. For more information with the Concentration courses, refer to our Concentration page.

What are the cost differences between completing a Credential as an ITEP student, or after graduating with the BA?
ITEP students pay undergraduate fees/tuition for their B.A and credential coursework. BA Pathway students will pay undergraduate fees/tuition for their B.A and then Credential fees/tuition for their Credential. Refer to the Fees & Finances Website for more information.

What is UTEACH? And is this an option for both ITEP and BA students?
UTEACH is a cohort-model for the Multiple Subject Credential Program, and provides a unique opportunity for students to combine pedagogy and practice in a personalized credential program. It is a year-long school residency program beginning in the Fall semester only. And both ITEP and BA pathway students may pursue UTEACH. ITEP students will join and complete UTEACH during their final Senior Year, and BA Pathway students may apply for UTEACH after they graduate with their BA. For more information about the UTEACH program option, refer to the Multiple Subject Credential Website.

What is UDCP? And is this an option for both ITEP and BA students?
The Urban Dual Credential Program is a cohort-model that combines the study of academic subjects aligned to Common Core State standards for the K-8 curriculum with professional preparation courses and clinical field experiences leading to both a Multiple Subject Credential and an Education Specialist Credential. Candidates with these dual credentials are authorized to teach all students in K-8 general and special education settings. It is a two-year school residency program beginning in the Fall semester only. And both ITEP and BA pathway students may pursue and apply for UDCP. ITEP students will join and complete UDCP during their final Senior Year, and BA Pathway students may apply for UDCP after they graduate with their BA. For more information about the Urban Dual Credential Program, refer to the UDCP Website.