

Liberal Studies Program

Liberal Studies provides a rich cross-disciplinary program of study for the **field of Education**. There are two primary program pathways within the program that students must select from for graduation.

BA Pathway	ITEP Pathway
The BA pathway is the traditional teacher education program where students complete their Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies . After completion of the B.A, they may continue their education as a post-bac student and complete a teaching credential at CSULB or at another university.	The Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) combines the study of academic subject matter for elementary school teaching or special education teaching with professional preparation & student teaching. Completion of ITEP includes both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and Teaching Credential(s) .

Comparison in Educational Experience & Credential Admissions

BA Pathway	VS.	ITEP Pathway
<p>104 Units of Core Requirements 16 Units of Electives that include CSULB graduation requirements for a Bachelor's degree</p> <p>120 units minimum for BA</p>	<p>Graduation Requirements</p>	<p>Multiple Subject Credential Program ITEP 104 Units of Core Requirements 31 Units Minimum for Credential Program</p> <p>Urban Dual Credential Program ITEP 84 units of Core Requirements 51 Units for Credential Program</p> <p>Education Specialist Credential ITEP 81 units of Core Requirements 39 units of Credential Program/Special Education Credential</p> <p>ITEP ESCP: 120 units ITEP MSCP or UDCP: 135 units</p>
4 Years	Length	4-5 Years
"Post-Bac" Pathway on Credential Application	Credential Pathway	"ITEP" Pathway on Credential Application
Reapply to CSULB as entering post-baccalaureate applicant	University Application Status	Applicants are continuing students and do not need to re-apply to CSULB
Receive a new, later registration date/time for the first term	Course Registration Status	Maintain current registration as student in Senior Standing
31 post-bac units	Post-Baccalaureate Credits	Partial post-bac units (may impact future salary earnings)
Post-baccalaureate/credential tuition prices	Tuition	Undergraduate tuition prices
Complete in one semester, full-time (exception: UTEACH or UDCP)	Student Teaching	Complete in one semester, full-time (exception: UTEACH or UDCP)