Liberal Studies Program

**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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The BA pathway 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.

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).

**Requirements for Graduation:**

**120 Units Minimum for BA only**

- 101 Units of Core Requirements
- 12 Units Concentration / Subject Matter Courses
- 7 Units of Electives

**135 Units Minimum for BA + Credential(s)**

- Multiple Subject Credential Program ITEP Option
  - 101 Units of Core Requirements
  - 34 Units Minimum for Credential Program
- Urban Dual Credential Program ITEP Option
  - (Multiple Subject Credential + Education Specialist Credential)
  - 84 Units of Core Requirements
  - 51 Units for Credential Program(s)

**Main Differences in Educational Experience/Credential Admission**

- Considered a 4 Year Degree.
- On Credential Application, mark ‘Post-Bac’ for Pathway.
- Must re-apply to CSULB as post-baccalaureate 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.
- Charged Credential Tuition Prices.
- Student Teaching must be completed in one semester, full-time (unless UTEACH option for Multiple Subject Credential).

- Considered a 4-5 Year Degree (though can be completed in 4 years)
- On Credential Application, mark ‘ITEP’ for Pathway.
- 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.
- Charged Undergraduate Tuition Prices
- Student Teaching may be completed in one or two semesters, alongside remaining coursework.

For more information, please contact the Teacher Preparation Advising Center at (562) 985-1105 or EED-67, or you may email CED-LibSt@csulb.edu.