



## BACHELOR OF ARTS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### THE STUDENT MUST DO THE FOLLOWING TO RECEIVE A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE:

1. COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS OF STUDY, AT LEAST 60 OF WHICH OR AT LEAST THE LAST 30 CREDITS BEFORE GRADUATION ARE AT SOUTHERN VIRGINIA. NO MORE THAN 9 CREDIT HOURS WILL BE GRANTED FOR INTERNSHIP COURSES.
2. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA CORE.
3. COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE MAJOR.
4. EARN A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.00 ON ALL COURSE WORK TAKEN AT THE UNIVERSITY.
5. COMPLY WITH ALL UNIVERSITY STANDARDS, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES, FROM THE DATE OF MATRICULATION THROUGH THE DATE OF FINAL GRADUATION.

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## LIBERAL ARTS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (42 credit hours)

Historically, the liberal arts were considered the branches of study fit for free men (*liber* is Latin for “free”). They were contrasted with skills needed for more mechanical trades and professions. Today a liberal education befits the members of all classes and genders. Rigorous thought, aesthetic sensibility, appreciation of historical context, an understanding of the natural world, awareness of one’s own and others’ institutions and culture, and an aptitude for creative expression should belong to anyone wishing to live a meaningful life and to participate constructively in society. The liberal arts major aims to produce these and related abilities. The liberal arts student also fulfills, at least in part, the injunction to “become acquainted with all good books, and with languages, tongues, and people” (Doctrine and Covenants 90:15). When suitably completed or supplemented, the liberal arts major is excellent preparation for a career or graduate program in law, business, medicine, education, public service, the arts, and other fields.

Program Coordinator: [Dr. Scott Dransfield](#)

### Major Requirements (46 credit hours)

#### Major Core (20 credit hours):

LIB 110 Reason and the Self (GE) (3)  
LIB 120 America and the Enlightenment (GE) (3)  
LIB 130 Classics of Western Literature (GE) (3)  
ART 210 Art History: Prehistoric–Middle Ages (GE) (3)  
ART 215 Art History: Renaissance–Modern (GE) (3)  
PHI 223 Introduction to Logic (GE) (3)  
LIB 490 Contemporary Issues (GE) (2)

#### Major Electives I: 6 credit hours from among the following:

HIS 210 Western Civilization I (GE) (3)  
HIS 215 Western Civilization II (GE) (3)  
POL 213 Western Political Theory (GE) (3)

#### Major Electives II: 3 credit hours from among the following:

ENG 213 Classics of British and American Literature (3)  
ENG 225 Approaches to Literature (3)  
SPN 330 Introduction to Spanish Literature (3) or equivalent in other languages

**Major Electives III (15 credit hours):** In order to prepare for the senior paper, complete 15 credit hours in upper-division courses (300- or 400-level) from among three of the following disciplines: art, biology, chemistry, economics, English, history, humanities, mathematics, music, philosophy, physics, politics, Spanish, and theater. These 15 credit hours may not include those earned in music ensembles or lessons, nor in internship or practicum courses.

**Major Capstone (2–3 credit hours):** Students may satisfy the capstone requirement by taking a senior paper course in a liberal arts discipline such as BIO 498, ENG 498, or HIS 498, granted adequate coursework has been accomplished in that discipline. Alternatively, students may take LIB 497 Senior Paper Research (1) followed in the next semester by LIB 498 Senior Paper Composition (1) with approval of the program coordinator.

There is no liberal arts minor.

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