

# BA Liberal Studies (3 Year)

## Arts and Science ONLINE

Liberal Studies explores how the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences have shaped much of our daily lives. Through online courses you will investigate four modes of critical thought: scientific inquiry and reasoning, insights into contemporary society and culture, critical perspectives on history, and academic writing. This general BA degree program will help you develop adaptable skills for any career path or life activity, or further education.

### PROGRAM PLAN

The Bachelor of Liberal Studies program plan consists of 90.0 units. 60.0 of these units are electives which can be taken from any subject, at any level and in any order, as long you have (or obtain) the prerequisites for any 200 or 300-level courses. The other 30.0 units must be taken as described below.

### CORE COURSES (9.0 UNITS)

- LIBS 100 (3.0 units): Origins and Practices of Liberal Arts
- LIBS 300 (6.0 units): The Liberal Arts in the Contemporary World

### OPTION COURSES (21.0 UNITS)

Select option courses from each of four modes of critical thought:

- 6.0 units from Scientific Inquiry and Reasoning (e.g. Math, Biology, Computing, Psychology, etc.)
- 6.0 units from Insights into Contemporary Society and Culture (e.g. Film, Sociology, Philosophy, etc.)
- 6.0 units from Critical Perspectives on History (e.g. History, Religious Studies, Classics, etc.)
- 3.0 units from Academic Writing (Writing courses)

### ELECTIVES (60.0 UNITS)

60.0 additional units selected from all [course offerings](#).

## ARTS AND SCIENCE ONLINE STUDENT PROFILE

**57%** of students  
WORK FULL

**15%** of students  
WORK PART TIME

**37%** are  
PARENTS/  
GUARDIANS

**10%** of students are  
SELF  
EMPLOYED

Click [here](#) to get more information about online students.



*"My name is Anum Nazir, and I am proud to say that I am a graduate of the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program from Queen's University. I chose to pursue this degree as it offered the convenience of remote learning. At the time, this was the only program of its kind available at Queen's University, providing me with the ideal balance of academic rigor and flexibility.*

*I appreciated the opportunity to participate in an asynchronous learning program that accommodated my work and travel schedule. I am confident that this program would be an excellent choice for anyone looking for a flexible academic experience, while still receiving a high-quality education from a prestigious university.*

*Since I graduated from the BA program, it opened doors for me to pursue a Masters degree. I enrolled and completed, a Master of Management in Innovation and Entrepreneurship from Queen's University in class of 2022 as well."*

- Anum Nazir, BA Liberal Studies Student



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# Liberal Studies ONLINE BACHELOR OF ARTS MAP



## EARLY STAGES

## LATER STAGES

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

- Initially you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Liberal Studies along with some electives.
- Then, start going deeper into the discipline of Liberal Studies, and consider adding a certificate such as Employment Relations.
- Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit [SASS \(Student Academic Support Services\)](#) and the Writing Centre websites for help.

- Start grouping courses in areas of interest, or keep it more general and explore many areas of Liberal Studies.
- Book an online appointment with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for the final stages of your degree.

### BUILD SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Investigate requirements for future full-time jobs or other career related opportunities. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering or clubs.
- Start collecting stories and evidence of your experiences to use in future resumes, cover letters, interviews, and portfolios.

- Consider contributing to publications such as [Ultraviolet Magazine](#) or the [Queen's Journal](#).
- Volunteer to be an [Arts and Science Online \(ASO\) Peer mentor](#).

### GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Liberal Studies.
- Reach out to the ASO Student Engagement Lead to get connected with peer mentors.
- Follow [Art and Science Online on Facebook](#) to connect with us.

- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects.
- Check out [Career Services](#) networking workshops.
- Look for volunteer opportunities in your community such as the 211 Ontario or Charity Village that can polish your skills.

### ENGAGE WITH DIVERSITY

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking a [QUIC's Intercultural Awareness Certificate](#), and research possible immigration regulations.
- Consider a study abroad experience at [Bader College in England](#).

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- Explore workshops from the [Human Rights and Equity Office](#) on a wide range of topics in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

### GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Get some help with exploring career options from Career Services. A career coach can help you think through possibilities, take stock of your experience, and figure out next steps to move in the direction of your career goals.
- Explore different careers of interest by through [Career Cruising](#) or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about post-degree studies from Career Services.
- Apply to jobs or consider furthering your education by applying to a Professional Masters program or a post-degree program. Seek support from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, or applications.

## HOW TO USE THIS MAP:

Is a career change or further education in your future? Use the 5 categories of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics.

The map offers suggestions to make your own plan specific to your needs and life context. You can consider your existing experiences and career goals, and start mapping out the steps you need to get there.

### WHAT WILL I LEARN?

A degree in Liberal Studies can equip you with the skills to:

- Think critically and systematically
- Generate ideas about complex subjects
- Use methods of analysis and logical reasoning
- Form and defend positions
- Consider unfamiliar ideas and evaluate opposing arguments
- Identify underlying assumptions across a range of issues
- Summarize and communicate complex material
- Speak and write at a superior level
- Interpret historical and contemporary ideas and texts
- Transferable skills that can be gained through an interdisciplinary approach to intellectual inquiry, argument, and analysis.

### WHAT ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FURTHER EDUCATION?

When investigating requirements for careers of interest, be sure to take note of educational requirements – particularly if they require further education beyond a bachelor's degree. While there are many programs open to 3-year degree graduates, some may require a 4-year degree, the equivalent of a 4-year degree, or a combination of education and experience.

For graduate school programs requiring a 4-year degree, you might want to consider:

- Getting additional work experience before applying to further education to apply later as a mature student.
- Extending your 3-year degree by adding a certificate or additional courses to be equivalent to a 4-year degree.
- Taking additional colleges courses or a 1-year diploma at a college to make up the equivalent of a 4-year degree.
- Exploring if it is possible to take required courses at the future institution during a year as a qualifying student before beginning graduate education.
- Research programs that are more flexible in their requirements. In particular, private institutions, college post-grad diplomas, and intentional programs (e.g. Europe) where 3-year undergrad degrees are a common requirement to apply for an MA program.
- Learning from your classmates about what programs they are applying to with their 3-year online degrees.
- Read the article [Post-Graduate Options for General \(90.0 unit\) Bachelor's Degrees](#).

### WHERE CAN I GO?

A degree in Liberal Studies can take your career in many directions. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Communications
- Consumer Services
- Copy writing
- Cultural Affairs
- Editing
- Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Fundraising
- Human Rights
- Human Resources
- Immigration Services
- International Development
- Journalism
- Libraries
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Public Service and Administration
- Publishing
- Training, Recruitment, and Development

Some careers may require additional training or experience.

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## Reasons to Pursue an Online Degree

- 1 There is no differentiation between Queen's online and on-campus programs when it comes to accreditation.
- 2 You can choose your courses based on your own work-life balance.
- 3 The assignments will have fixed deadlines but when you choose to work on them is up to you.
- 4 Some online activities may take place virtually, these sessions may be recorded so that you can view them at your convenience.  
ASO is invested in educational transformation and evidence-based practices that provide all our students with the best possible learning experiences.
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# Application FAQs

## How does ONLINE LEARNING work?

Find out how online learning works [here](#).

## When can I APPLY?

Learn more about key dates for admission applications [here](#).

## What do I need to know to APPLY?

Queen's Arts and Science Online has several admission categories for students with diverse educational backgrounds. Choose the right one for you [here](#).

## Am I eligible for TRANSFER CREDITS?

Find out more details about credit transfers [here](#).

## TUITION Fees?

For information about fees and tuition, please check the [Registrar and Financial Aid Services](#).

## Add a **CERTIFICATE**

### ACADEMIC WRITING

Students will be given the opportunity to enhance and accredit their writing skills, enabling them to communicate effectively and prepare for future writing tasks in both academic and professional contexts.

### EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

Students will be introduced to the theory, policy and legal frameworks behind the employment relationship, and how these can be applied to assess workplace challenges and problems.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION & CREATIVITY

Students will have the opportunity to study and practice skills in marketing and promotion as well as finance and business planning.

### FRENCH FOR PROFESSIONALS

Students will obtain the necessary language skills to effectively work in a bilingual professional environment.

### GLOBAL ACTION & ENGAGEMENT

Students will explore concepts related to the political, economic, social and cultural forces that shape contemporary global interactions.

### MEDIA STUDIES

Students will have the opportunity to develop and accredit their fluency in the foundations of media and cultural studies.

Learn more on our certificates on our [program site](#).