

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A MAJOR IN....

liberal studies

Liberal Studies majors are given the knowledge and skills for a future as an elementary school teacher. They will have developed adaptation skills, group work skills, and particular learning skills which they can teach to others. Liberal studies majors should begin the career decision-making process early in their undergraduate career. Graduates will have the ability to communicate with clarity to a variety of audiences in writing, orally, and in other media. They not only develop creativity and learn to see things from an interdisciplinary viewpoint, but will gain the ability to understand situations from several different learning strategies and perspectives. Liberal studies graduates are well prepared for the California State Exam for Teachers (CSET), and for subsequent entry into a credential program. Some students are able to accelerate undergraduate course work in four years, allowing them to begin the credential program early. Liberal Studies majors develop a good foundation of knowledge in several academic areas.

Chapman Clubs and Organizations

Associated Students (AS)

www.chapman.edu/studlife/sao/index.html

Located on the third floor of Argyros Forum, AS provides leadership for the students of Chapman University.

Related Majors

Social Science, Music, Mathematics, Art, Spanish, History, and English

The Liberal Studies program at Chapman has been carefully developed to prepare you to teach in the elementary classroom, integrating comprehensive State teaching standards and individualized instruction. Coursework combines a solid academic foundation and opportunities for early classroom experience with a capstone component which enables you to form vital connections in learning that you will carry with you into the classroom. For students planning to teach in the middle or high schools, the program offers support for obtaining your Single Subject Credential.

Students in our program also benefit from ongoing advisement and support to assist with planning your education with personal goals. One or more of these goals might be pursuing a credential as an undergraduate, participating in a semester studying abroad, becoming active in sports or student government, or deciding to complete a double major. We are dedicated to educating the whole person and committed to providing a comprehensive curriculum that offers you the knowledge, skills, and guidance to prepare you for a lifetime of sharing with young minds.

While Still in College...

If you are interested in a career in Liberal Studies, it is a good idea to teach a class at your religious institution, serve as a summer camp counselor, or volunteer to read to children at the library.

...at the professional level

Associations provide a venue for people to share professional interests while also educating the public about their field. Look for details about salaries, training opportunities, membership benefits, and job resources.

American Federation of Teachers www.aft.org

Represents millions of teachers, school support staff, higher education faculty and staff, health care professionals, and government employees.

California Teachers Association www.cta.org

Works to protect and advance professional and economic conditions such as higher salaries and improved health benefits.

National Education Association www.nea.org

Committed to advancing the cause of public education to fulfill the promise of a democratic society.

Is It a Good Match For You?

Do you like children?

Do you love learning and teaching?

Do you want to give back to the community?

Vital Skills

Ability to communicate well

Enjoyment of helping others

Desire to be a life-long learner

Compassion for helping children

Potential Employment With...

Educational Institutions, Government Agencies, Libraries, Museums, Private Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations

Related Occupations

Some of these occupations may require additional education and training.

College Administration
Government Official
Librarian
Lobbyist
Museum Educator
Principal
Professor
School Psychologist
Social Worker
Teacher

Choosing Your Major...

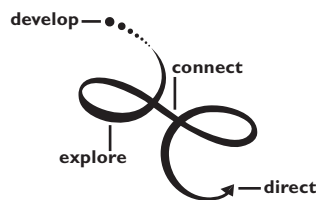
Choosing a major can be a difficult decision. If you need assistance in choosing your major or emphasis, the Career Development Center offers individual career counseling and provides career testing and assessment for current students. In addition, involvement in leadership activities, internships, part-time employment, clubs, organizations, and student government will expose you to different work and learning environments which will aid you in your decision making.

For Further Information

School of Education

www.chapman.edu/soe/libstudies/index.html

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