

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Arts Individualized Major

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>) (AS)
 Department: Liberal Studies (<http://louisville.edu/liberalstudies/>)
 Academic Plan Code(s): LBSTBA

Program Information

The Individualized Major (formerly Liberal Studies) program offers eligible students an opportunity to design an individualized major, through a multi-disciplinary curriculum. Once the student has identified a goal or interest, the Liberal Studies Program advisor offers guidance in creating a personalized degree program.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the program's Learning Outcomes Measurement.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	31
	College/School Requirements	13
	Program/Major Requirements	49-67
	Supporting Courses	10-28
	Minimum Total Hours	121

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Eligibility criteria and information regarding admission into the major may be found at louisville.edu/liberalstudies/prospective-majors/admission-to-liberal-studies (<http://louisville.edu/liberalstudies/prospective-majors/admission-to-liberal-studies/>).

Requirements include the completion of 45 credit hours and a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average on all college work. Proposals must be approved by the program director prior to admission into the major.

General Education Requirements

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	General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	31

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
	Foreign Language ¹	12
	WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above ²	
	Minimum Total Hours	13

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Liberal Studies Program		
LBST 300	Forms of Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3
ENGL 309	Inquiries in Writing - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ³	3
LBST 401	Senior Capstone Project - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	1
Concentrations ⁴		
	First Concentration (approved A&S minor)	18-24
	Second Concentration ⁵	12-18
	Third Concentration ⁶	12-18
	Minimum Total Hours	49-67

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
	Minimum Electives	10-28

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above with at least six credit hours in each of two of the three Divisions of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
LBST 401	Senior Capstone Project - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

¹ Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language

² May be incorporated into other degree requirements

³ Fulfills one WR requirement

- ⁴ General Education courses may not be counted in the concentrations, except in cases where a General Education requirement course is a departmental requirement for completion of the minor.
- ⁵ Students identifying Middle Grades Education as their goal may substitute a state-approved "Teaching Field" for the department minor. If two teaching fields are selected, a third concentration is unnecessary. See program advisor for additional information.
- ⁶ Students pursuing an Individualized Major may include course credits from University of Louisville units outside the College of Arts and Sciences. These include the College of Business, College of Education and Human Development, J.B. Speed School of Engineering, Brandeis School of Law, School of Music, School of Nursing, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, and the Kent School of Social Work. No more than 30 hours earned outside the College of Arts and Sciences may be applied to the Individualized Major.

Flight Plan

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
Foreign Language 1		3-4
Hours		14-15
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Diversity - SBD1		3
Foreign Language 2		3-4
Hours		15-16
Year 2		
Fall		
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
Concentration 1 Course (A&S Minor)		3
Foreign Language 3		4
Hours		16
Spring		
LBST 300	Forms of Interdisciplinary Inquiry	3
ENGL 309	Inquiries in Writing - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Concentration 1 Course (A&S Minor)		3
Concentration 2 Course		3
Concentration 3 Course		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
WR Course (300 level or above)		3
Concentration 1 Course (A&S Minor)		3
Concentration 1 Course (A&S Minor)		3
Concentration 2 Course		3

Concentration 3 Course		3
Hours		15
Spring		
Concentration 1 Course (A&S Minor)		3
Concentration 2 Course		3
Concentration 3 Course		3
General Elective (300+)		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
Concentration 1 Course (A&S Minor)		3
Concentration 2 Course		3
Concentration 3 Course		3
General Elective (300+)		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
LBST 401	Senior Capstone Project - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) (CUE)	1
Concentration Course as needed or General Elective		3
Concentration Course as needed or General Elective		3
Concentration Course as needed or General Elective		3
Concentration Course as needed or General Elective		3
Concentration Course as needed or General Elective		3-1
Hours		16-14
Minimum Total Hours		121

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
 - a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
 - c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)