

LIBERAL STUDIES

Mission Statement

The mission of the Liberal Studies Program is to provide students with the opportunity to gain knowledge in the arts and humanities, philosophy and theology, and in the social sciences and natural sciences. Engagement in this process requires intellectual inquiry, reflection, collaboration, and the exploration of relationships among the disciplines, society, and our own humanity. The Liberal Studies Program emphasizes the connection between theory and practice as being essential in the development of students who will serve their communities as informed and inquiring members of society.

Elementary Education Program

All students accepted into the Elementary Education Program must major in Liberal Studies. In conjunction with the General Education Requirements, the Liberal Studies major provides students enrolled in the Elementary Education Program with the chance to explore a range of subject areas that complement and incorporate the 30 subject-area credits needed to meet the Massachusetts Department of Education requirements.

Program Objectives

1. Graduates will progressively develop the ability to think critically and imaginatively, formulate their own understanding, and effectively communicate ideas in a variety of social and intellectual contexts.
2. Graduates will enhance academic experiences through participation in various internships.
3. Graduates will understand and articulate connections between the Liberal Studies Program and the mission of Hellenic College.
4. Graduates will understand and articulate the relationships among the various disciplines, internships, society, and their own humanity.

Student Learning Objectives

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of course content within specific academic disciplines of the Liberal Studies Program.
2. Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills.
3. Students will read and respond in an informed and discerning way to written text of different disciplines of the Liberal Studies Program.

4. Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate through both oral and written language in a clear, coherent, and organized manner.

Liberal Studies Course Requirements

Students who wish to major in Liberal Studies are required to complete the following courses in addition to the General Education Requirements:

Liberal Studies Course Requirements

History	3 cr.
American History I*	
English Language/Literature	3 cr.
American Literature*	
Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology	6 cr.
Biology*	
Fundamentals of Math or Math elective*	
Religion elective	3 cr.
Social Sciences	6 cr.
Child Development*	
Advanced Qualitative Research or Participatory Action Research*	
Fine Arts	3 cr.
Fine Arts elective	
Liberal Studies electives	<u>6 cr.</u>
Total	30 cr.

**Required of Elementary Education students*

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Introduction

The Elementary Education Program offers an integrated course of study that leads to a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Elementary Education. It enables students to obtain licensure as elementary school teachers (grades 1-6) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition to preparing teachers for teaching in public schools, the program also prepares teachers who wish to serve community schools within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

The Elementary Education Program consists of a strong multicultural component. Students in the program become familiar with current developments in curriculum and instruction, understand the role of schools and teachers in society, and are prepared to meet the needs of students from diverse racial, socioeconomic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds. The program culminates in a fifteen-week intensive student teaching practicum in diverse school sites, including the Boston and Brookline public schools.

If accepted into the program, students may transfer 6 credits into the program. Those credits must have been acquired by taking education courses that are comparable to the education courses offered at Hellenic College. No courses will be waived without the approval of the director of the program. All full-time student teaching experiences must take place in-state unless there are extenuating circumstances, which will be reviewed by the director of the program.

All students accepted into the Elementary Education Program must major in Liberal Studies (see course listings). The Liberal Studies major (30 credits) provides students with opportunities to gain knowledge about a range of courses in arts and humanities, philosophy and religion, social sciences, and natural sciences. In conjunction with the General Education requirements, the Liberal Studies major provides students enrolled in the Elementary Education Program with an opportunity to explore a range of subject areas that complement and incorporate the 36 subject-area semester hours needed to meet the Massachusetts Department of Education requirements. Some of the coursework in the Liberal Studies major may also count toward the General Education requirements.

Mission Statement

The program enables future teachers to gain a broad vision and an appreciation of what it means to be a teacher. In accordance with the mission of Hellenic College, the program prepares caring professionals who view teaching as a calling and nurtures in them an impassioned commitment to the teaching and learning process. All courses and field experiences are designed to meet the professional standards for teachers required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for licensure. The program is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

Program Goals

1. Students will be provided with opportunities to gain knowledge about a range of courses in arts and humanities, philosophy and religion, social sciences, and natural sciences by majoring in Liberal Studies.
2. Students gain the skills and experience they need to meet the Professional Standards for Teachers required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for licensure.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate proficiency in developing and implementing effective and standards-based units of instruction and assessment in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
2. Students will demonstrate the integration of philosophical, psychological, and multicultural theories and practices as they relate to the diversity of students, families, schools, and communities.
3. Students will demonstrate proficiency in all Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) indicators, as well as in instruction of children with special needs.
4. Students will successfully demonstrate the professional Standards for Teachers and the related indicators as they are outlined in the Candidate Assessment performance document.

Bachelor of Arts with Concentration in Elementary Education

Students enrolled in the Elementary Education program are required to complete the following courses in addition to the General Education and Liberal Studies Requirements:

Philosophy of Education	3 cr.
Educational Psychology	3 cr.
Education of Children with Special Needs	3 cr.

Methods of Teaching Language Arts I	3 cr.
Methods of Teaching Language Arts II	3 cr.
Methods of Teaching Mathematics	3 cr.
Methods of Teaching Science and Health	3 cr.
Multiculturalism/Social Studies Education	3 cr.
Methods of Reflective Teaching	3 cr.
Religious Education	3 cr.
Student Teaching Seminar	3 cr.
Student Teaching Practicum	<u>12 cr.</u>
Total	45 cr.

Students in the Elementary Education program are required to earn a B average in all of the required education courses in order to qualify for the Student Teaching Practicum.

Elementary Education Minor

The Minor in Elementary Education includes five courses (15 credits) that provide students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with some of the key areas in the field of education.

Student Learning Outcomes

There are two major learning outcomes that frame the coursework:

1. Students will identify key philosophies and psychological theories of education.
2. Students will identify and apply literary concepts, literacy theories, and effective teaching practices.

Elementary Education Minor Course Requirements

Philosophy of Education	3 cr.
Educational Psychology	3 cr.
Education of Children w/ Special Needs	3 cr.

One of the following:

Teaching Language Arts 1	3 cr.
Young Adult Literature	3 cr.
Introduction to Children's Literature	3 cr.

One of the following:

Methods of Teaching Multiculturalism and Social Studies	3 cr.
Participatory Education Research	3 cr.
Advanced Qualitative Research	<u>3 cr.</u>

Total 15 cr.

**Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies
with Concentration in Elementary Education**

Semester I (Fall)		Semester II (Spring)	
Freshman Year			
English Composition I	3 cr.	English Composition II	3 cr.
World History I	3 cr.	World History II	3 cr.
Introduction to Orthodoxy	3 cr.	History of Music	3 cr.
Fundamentals of Mathematics or Math elective	3 cr.	College Algebra	3 cr.
General Psychology	3 cr.	Introduction to Sociology or Social Science elective	3 cr.
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	<u>16.5 cr.</u>		<u>15 cr.</u>
Sophomore Year			
Foreign Language I	3 cr.	Foreign Language II	3 cr.
Philosophy of the Person I	3 cr.	Philosophy of the Person II	3 cr.
Community Engagement	3 cr.	Community Engagement	1.5 cr.
Child Development	3 cr.	History of Art	3 cr.
Liberal Studies elective	3 cr.	Education Psychology	3 cr.
Philosophy of Education	3 cr.	Biology with Lab	3 cr.
	<u>18 cr.</u>		<u>16.5 cr.</u>
Junior Year			
Teaching Multi/Social Studies	3 cr.	Education of Students w/ Special Needs	3 cr.
Method of Teaching Language Arts I	3 cr.	Methods of Teaching Language Arts II	3 cr.
Methods of Teaching Math	3 cr.	PAR or Qualitative Research	3 cr.
American Literature	3 cr.	American History	3 cr.
Religious elective	3 cr.	Fine Arts elective	3 cr.
Science elective	3 cr.		
	<u>18 cr.</u>		<u>15 cr.</u>
Senior Year			
Teaching Science and Health	3 cr.	Student Teaching Practicum	12 cr.
Reflective Teaching	3 cr.	Seminar Student Teaching	3 cr.
Religious Education	3 cr.		
Young Adult or Children's Literature	3 cr.		
Liberal Studies elective	3 cr.		
	<u>15 cr.</u>		<u>15 cr.</u>
Total Credits:	129		