

LIBERAL STUDIES

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American Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate

Pursue an interdisciplinary course of study allowing intensive examination of the culture, society, political system, and other aspects of the United States. Students may engage in comparative study of history, literature, visual media, or other materials produced by and helping to constitute American culture.

Chicago Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate

Take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Chicago, choosing from courses on its history, literature, culture, or social characteristics. The emphasis will be not only on Chicago's particular traits, but on this city's place in a national and indeed global universe of great cities.

Digital Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate

Digital Studies is a diverse and growing interdisciplinary field in which humanistic inquiry is enhanced and redefined by the possibilities of digital tools for the researching, analysis, publishing, distribution, and consumption of scholarly work. Pursue research topics of personal interest in literature, history, and visual culture using a variety of digital resources and analytical methods in the context of the most current theoretical discussions about the digital in the humanities.

History, Advanced Graduate Certificate

Pursue a course of study focusing on the analysis of historical developments, events, and interpretations. Students will deepen their understanding of current scholarship on the past, as well as of the fundamental problems of historical evidence and explanation.

Interdisciplinary Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate

Students enrolled in the Interdisciplinary Studies certificate have the greatest flexibility in their course selection. They may take a range of courses offered through the Liberal Studies certificates of advanced graduate study curriculum in the areas of History, American Studies, Chicago Studies, and Religious and Ethical Studies. They may also choose to focus on a more individualized course of study in consultation with the Student Adviser for Liberal Studies.

Religious and Ethical Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate

Pursue a broadly interdisciplinary course of study focusing on the comparative analysis of belief. Students will expand their knowledge of both religious and ethical systems and of the lived experience of religion. The relationships between faith, morality, and social context will also be considered.

Certificates Offered

- American Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/certificates/graduate/liberal-studies/american-studies-advance-graduate-certificate/>)
- Chicago Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/certificates/graduate/liberal-studies/chicago-studies-advance-graduate-certificate/>)
- Digital Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/certificates/graduate/liberal-studies/digital-studies-advance-graduate-certificate/>)
- History, Advanced Graduate Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/certificates/graduate/liberal-studies/history-advance-graduate-certificate/>)
- Interdisciplinary Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/certificates/graduate/liberal-studies/interdisciplinary-studies-advance-graduate-certificate/>)
- Religious and Ethical Studies, Advanced Graduate Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/certificates/graduate/liberal-studies/religious-ethical-studies-advance-graduate-certificate/>)

Liberal Studies Courses

IPLS 401-0 Seminar in Liberal Studies I (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

IPLS 402-0 Seminar in Liberal Studies II (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

IPLS 403-0 Seminar in Liberal Studies III (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

IPLS 405-0 Topics in Liberal Studies (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

IPLS 410-0 Introduction to Graduate Studies in Literary and Cultural Analysis (1 Unit)

This course considers the relation between art, culture, and society as it has been conceived, problematized and reconceived over time. The course will also prepare students for graduate work in literary and cultural studies with a focus on academic genres of writing and research methods.

IPLS 410-DL Introduction to Graduate Studies in Literary and Cultural Analysis (1 Unit)

This course considers the relation between art, culture, and society as it has been conceived, problematized and reconceived over time. The course will also prepare students for graduate work in literary and cultural studies with a focus on academic genres of writing and research methods.

IPLS 420-0 Introduction to Digital Studies (1 Unit)

Weekly topics include: digital annotation and database construction for close reading; "distant reading" tactics; digital mapping and timeline building; data and archives; network analysis; glitching and deformance for hermeneutic interpretation; and platforms and social media for humanities inquiry.

IPLS 420-DL Introduction to Digital Studies (1 Unit)

Weekly topics include: digital annotation and database construction for close reading; "distant reading" tactics; digital mapping and timeline building; data and archives; network analysis; glitching and deformance for hermeneutic interpretation; and platforms and social media for humanities inquiry.

IPLS 492-0 Special Topics (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

IPLS 492-DL Special Topics (1 Unit)

Topics vary. May be repeated for credit with different topic.

IPLS 499-0 Independent Study (1 Unit)

Independent Study.

IPLS 590-0 Thesis Research (1 Unit)

Thesis Research.