

# THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The College grants three bachelor's degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Science (BSAS)

Additionally an Associate of Arts (AA) degree is offered.

## Academic Departments

- Department of Economics
- Department of English
- Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Department of Geography
- Department of History
- Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Department of Politics and International Relations and Rigelhaupt Pre-Law Center
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Gerontology

## Academic Programs

- American Studies
- Global Education
- Islamic Studies
- Judaic and Holocaust Studies
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Working-Class Studies

## Mission

The mission of Youngstown State University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) embraces interdependent aspects of teaching, scholarship, and service. The College seeks to meet the educational needs of students enrolled in its associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs and to provide a core of liberal arts coursework for all YSU students.

Youngstown State University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, through its general education and major requirements, seeks to prepare students for productive and rewarding lives by developing critical and creative thinking, sound judgment, and effective communication skills. The College strives to impart knowledge of the liberal arts and social sciences and to produce educated citizens who value learning. It helps students develop regional, national and global perspectives and a better understanding of the individual and society in the past and present. The College prepares students for careers, or for further graduate or professional study, by immersing them in liberal arts and social science disciplines. College faculty members use their expertise in service to the University, their professions, and the community to serve as advisors, mentors, and career counselors to students. In addition, they contribute to knowledge within their disciplines by presenting conference papers and publishing books and articles.

Finally, the College values diversity, exposing students to experiences and coursework that affirm the richness of ethnic, cultural, gender, and racial differences.

## Programs For the BA Degree

- Anthropology
- Economics
- English
- Geography
- Gerontology
- History
- Italian
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Professional and Technical Writing
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish

## Programs For the BGS Degree

- General Studies

## Programs For the BSAS Degree

- Long-Term Care Administration

## ICP Program

Students whose needs are not met by existing conventional programs may wish to investigate and apply for the **Individualized Curriculum Program** (see Special Academic Programs).

## Minors

Minors are available in all program areas with many programs offering multiple and/or interdisciplinary minors. A minimum of eighteen (18) semester hours are required for the minor, and 1/3 of the hours must be upper division.

## Certificates

Certificate programs are offered in historic preservation, applied gerontology, geospatial science and technology, and comparative international studies.

## Prospective Teachers

Prospective elementary or secondary teachers may work toward a BA or BS in Education degree.

Prospective high school teachers major in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences department of their principal field and are advised by that department, except for the requirements for teacher certification, for which advisement is by the College of Education.

For the Institutional Report on the Quality of Teacher Preparation, Title II, Higher Education Act, please see *Title II, Teacher Education* in the Undergraduate Catalog.

## Degree Requirements

Requirements for completion of a baccalaureate degree (BA, BGS) within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences include all University requirements detailed in the **Academic Policies and Procedures** section of the Undergraduate Catalog (i.e., requirements regarding total General Education Requirements, university credits, course levels, majors, and minors, grade point average, residency and degree applications). Specific requirements for each major in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences are listed by department.

## **College Foreign Language Requirement for Bachelor's Degree**

All candidates for the BA degree are required to demonstrate proficiency at the 2600 level (two semesters) in any foreign language. Students with a foreign language background may desire to take the foreign language placement test in order to place into the second semester (2600) or beyond (which will satisfy the foreign language requirement). It may be possible to satisfy the foreign language requirement through appropriate college transfer coursework and credit by exam.

## **Courses of Instruction and Curricula**

In the following department sections, the course requirements for the various majors are given, but other requirements are not repeated from the list above.

Course descriptions can be found in a separate section of the Undergraduate Catalog.

For more information, visit the **The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences**.