

THE BEEGHLY COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND EDUCATION

Charles Howell, Dean

The College grants four bachelor's degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)
- Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)

Additionally, an Associate of Arts (AA) degree is offered and an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Early Childhood Associate/Pre-Kindergarten.

Mission

The Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education (BCLASSE) prepares students for productive and rewarding lives by developing critical and creative thinking, sound judgment, and effective communication skills. We strive to help students become well-rounded members of society who value learning and to prepare them for careers and for advanced graduate and professional study.

BCLASSE affirms that the liberal arts and social sciences are the historical heart of the university and remain so today because of their focus on the essential concerns of humanity, among which are justice, art and beauty, knowledge of the world and civilization, reason, and the ability to transmit these to future generations.

BCLASSE affirms its commitment to teaching, hiring, and research that acknowledges and contributes to rich diversities of ethnicity, culture, gender, sexuality, religion, class, and race. It promotes the study of local, national, and global perspectives.

BCLASSE prepares students for professional and civic life by cultivating adaptability, critical thinking, and clear expression. We strive to graduate ethical and engaged students for a society that requires thoughtful teachers, professionals, workers, thinkers, writers, and speakers.

BCLASSE actively supports its faculty and students in the production and dissemination of new knowledge with the full commitment of its resources.

Academic Departments

- Department of English and World Languages
- Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Department of Psychological Sciences and Counseling
- Department of Teacher Education and Leadership Studies

Academic Programs

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

Programs For the BA Degree

- Anthropology
- English
- Geography
- History
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Professional and Technical Writing
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

Programs For the BGS Degree

- General Studies

Programs For the BSED Degree

- Primary/Primary Intervention Specialist (Grades PK – 5)
- Middle Childhood Education (Grades 4 – 9)
- Adolescent Young Adult (Grades 7-12)
 - Integrated Language Arts
 - Integrated Mathematics
 - Integrated Science
 - Integrated Social Studies
- Multi-Age License (Grades PK – 12)
 - Spanish Education
- Intervention Specialist (Grades K-12)
 - Mild/Moderate Disabilities

Programs For the AAS Degree

- Early Childhood Associate/Pre-Kindergarten

Endorsements

- Early Childhood Generalist (Grades 4-5)
- Reading (Grades K-12) – Graduate Level Only
- TESOL (Grades K-12)

Minors

Minors are available in all program areas with many programs offering multiple and/or interdisciplinary minors. Students wishing to pursue a minor should consult the list of official minors and seek advisement in the department that houses the minor. Minors consist of at least eighteen (18) semester hours, and one-third of the hours must be upper-division. Minors are not required for students enrolled in a Teacher Education program. In approved interdisciplinary minors, courses from the student's major discipline can be counted in the minor provided that the same courses are not counted toward the major.

Certificates

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

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).

Accreditation

Youngstown State University teacher education programs are accredited by the Ohio Department of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). These programs are subject to the sections of the Ohio law and regulations governing teacher education and licensure. The Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education serves as the recommending agent for all Youngstown State University graduates who wish to qualify for state of Ohio licensure as well as for licensure in other states.

Degree Requirements

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Requirements for completion of a baccalaureate degree (BA, BGS, BSED) within the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education 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 Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education 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 Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, and Education (<https://ysu.edu/academics/beeghly-college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/>).