

VISC • ENGL • HUMN • SOSOC • SCTM

FACULTY OF
LIBERAL STUDIES

Graduation Requirements 2010 (updated Sept. 23, 2010)

What are Liberal Studies courses?

Courses are offered in the following areas:

(VISC) History & Theory of Visual Culture

- Art History • Design History • Theory & Criticism •
Film & Media Studies • Aboriginal Studies • Asian Studies

(ENGL) English

- Creative Writing • Academic Writing • Literary Criticism •
North American and European Literature •
World Literatures in Translation

(continue)

What are Liberal Studies courses?

(HUMN) Humanities

- Philosophy • History • Ethics

(SOSC) Social Sciences

- Anthropology • Cultural Studies • Feminism/Gender Studies • Sociology • Social Science Research Methods

(SCTM) Science/Technology/Mathematics

- Anatomy • Biology • Mathematics • Earth Sciences • Physics • Astronomy • Psychology

Visit [Liberal Studies Course Listings](#) for information on specific course offerings.

First Year Liberal Studies = 1.5 credits

First-Year:

- LBST 1D01: Liberal Studies One = 1.5cr (*offered from 2005 to 2009 only*)

OR

- LBST 1B03: Intro to Visual Studies I: History & Ideas = 0.5cr
- LBST 1B06: Intro to Visual Studies II: Critical Frameworks = 0.5cr
- LBST 1B11/12/13: The Essay and the Argument = 0.5cr
(1B11=Mechanics, 1B12=ESL, 1B13=Rhetoric)

What happens after First Year?

After you complete your first-year LBST courses, you will have 7 more courses (3.5cr) to complete during your 2nd, 3rd and 4th years.

Important things to remember:

- Always check your online program guide for specific Liberal Studies courses that are mandatory for your major program.
- You must take at least 1 course (0.5cr) in VISC at the 200-level in your 2nd year.
- At least 3 out of 7 Liberal Studies courses must be at the 300 or 400-level (1.5cr in total).

Second, Third and Fourth Year

To graduate within 4 years, you should follow this guide for Liberal Studies courses:

<i>Year</i>	<i># of Liberal Studies courses (credits)</i>
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>Take 3 courses (1.5cr) you must take 1 course in VISC at the 200-level</i>
<i>Third Year</i>	<i>Take 2 courses (1.0cr)</i>
<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>Take 2 courses (1.0cr)</i>

*Make sure you balance your semesters 2.5cr each

*You can take summer courses to create a lighter course load or to catch up on courses you missed.

Which Liberal Studies courses do I take?

Check your online program guide for specific Liberal Studies courses that are mandatory for your particular major program.

Faculty of Art:

[CRCP](#) • [DRPT](#) • [INTM](#) • [PHOT](#) • [PRNT](#) • [SCIN](#) • [No major](#)

Faculty of Design:

[ADVR](#) • [ENVR](#) • [GRPH](#) • [ILLU](#) • [INDS](#) • [MAAD](#)

7 courses = 3.5 credits

At least 3 (1.5cr) out of 7 courses must be at the 300 or 400-level

3 courses in Visual Culture

- 1 course (0.5cr) in VISC at 200-level
- 1 course (0.5cr) in VISC
- 1 course (0.5cr) in VISC

4 different courses (2.0cr) out of the ⑤ categories*:

- ① ENGL
- ② HUMN
- ③ SOSOC
- ④ SCTM
- ⑤ VISC

*This means you can opt out of one of the categories

How do I keep track?

- Follow your program guide every year.
- Use your “Course and Marks” on MY RECORDS, your online program guide as well as any transfer of credits you may have and fill out a [Liberal Studies Planning Sheet](#)*.

*(Group A students only)

- For questions or concerns visit the Faculty Office your question is related to - [where to go](#).

To make an appointment with the Liberal Studies Student Advisor, Leiko Shimizu, contact 416-977-6000 Ext. 372 or liberalstudies@ocad.ca.

- Visit [Academic Advising](#) for more information.