The Bachelor of Liberal Studies program is designed to provide a degree that educates students in theory and applications associated with a variety of disciplines. The core disciplines are chosen from most of those in the Anderson University catalog. Students, with the aid of an academic advisor, can design a program of study that best fits their personal and professional goals. The curriculum has two options. One is a degree completion option for those with an associate’s degree. The other is for those without a degree. A liberal studies degree prepares students for a wide variety of careers in areas to include social service, government, business, management, public relations, private and non-profit sectors. The BLS degree also provides an excellent opportunity to take prerequisite courses in preparation for pursuing a graduate degree.
The **degree completion option** for BLS requires the following:
Completion of approved associate’s degree (a maximum of 64 semester hours transferred from an institution that awards only the associate’s degree); a minimum of 56 semester hours from a senior college or university; a minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division courses; a minimum of 36 semester hours from Anderson University; a minimum of 36 semester hours of general education courses to include statistics, literature, humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, communication, natural science, and Christian Studies.

The option for those **without** an associate’s degree or higher requires the following:
**General Education** (36 semester hours) - courses in communications, literature, statistics, humanities, fine arts, social and behavioral sciences, natural science, and Christian Studies. These are viewed as being the liberal arts component of a degree and are foundational to upper division courses.

**Both options** require:
**Core Courses** (12 semester hours) - courses in computer information systems, business communications, a course to introduce research-based writing and to assist students in the capstone course

**Liberal Studies Emphasis** (36 semester hours) - 300-level and above courses that are selected with assistance of an academic advisor. The 36 semester hours must be distributed according to prescribed options listed in the university catalog and approved by the faculty advisor. At least three 400-level courses must be included.

**General Electives** (Sufficient hours to complete requirement for 120 hours for the degree) - courses that permit students to take additional work in subjects that interest them and that will be helpful in their careers. It is important to consult with an advisor when selecting electives.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (Degree Completion Option)
1. Completion of approved associate’s degree (a maximum of 64 semester hours transferred from an institution that awards only the associate’s degree)
2. A minimum of 56 semester hours from a four-year college or university
3. A minimum of 45 semester hours of upper division courses
4. A minimum of 36 semester hours from Anderson University
5. A minimum of 36 semester hours of general education courses to include MAT 104 Math for the Liberal Arts, MAT 108 Finite Probability and Statistics 1 and at least three semester hours from each of the following areas:
   a. Literature
   b. Social/behavioral sciences
      (Note: PSY 101 and SOC 101 are prerequisites for several required upper level courses)
   c. Communication (ENG 101 and 102)
   d. Natural science
6. CHR 105 and CHR 305
7. A minimum of 120 total semester hours

GENERAL EDUCATION
FOR FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN
AND NON-DEGREE TRANSFER STUDENTS

COMMUNICATIONS
ENG 101 - English Composition 3 semester hours
ENG 102 - English Composition 3 semester hours

LITERATURE
3 semester hours

CHRISTIAN STUDIES
CHR 105 - Introduction to the Bible 3 semester hours
CHR 305 - Christian Worldview 3 semester hours

MATHEMATICS
MAT 104 - Math for the Liberal Arts 3 semester hours
MAT 108 - Finite Probability & Statistics 1 3 semester hours

HISTORY
3 semester hours

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS
3 semester hours

NATURAL SCIENCE
3 semester hours

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
3 semester hours

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES/ 3 semester hours
HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS OR NATURAL SCIENCES

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED 36 semester hours

CORE COURSES
CIS 101 - Intro to Computers 3 Semester Hours
ENG 301 - Business Communications 3 Semester Hours
LS 101 - Intro to Liberal Studies 3 Semester Hours
LS 495 - Senior Seminar in Liberal Studies 3 Semester Hours

LIBERAL STUDIES EMPHASIS 36 Semester Hours
Students must choose 36 Semester Hours of 300-level and 400-level courses from the categories shown below. (At least three 400-level courses must be included.) The 36 semester hours must be distributed according to prescribed options listed in the current university catalog and approved by the faculty advisor.

Category A: College of Adult and Professional Studies Courses
Category B: College of Arts and Sciences Courses
Category C: College of Business Courses: Maximum of 18 Semester (For the purpose of the Liberal Studies Degree, College of Business courses are considered to be an discipline.)
Category D: College of Christian Studies Courses
Category E: College of Education Courses
Category F: College of Visual and Performing Arts (For the purpose of the Liberal Studies degree, South Carolina School of the Arts courses are considered to be one discipline.)

GENERAL ELECTIVES 36 Semester Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 120 Semester Hours

Always check the current course catalog found on the Anderson University website for the most up-to-date program information.
IMPORTANT NOTE: Funding may be available for qualified MCJ applicants through the agency’s asset forfeiture and seizure funds.

TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:
Federal financial aid for graduate students only includes Federal loans. For consideration of federal loans, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA information is listed below. All online students receive a tuition discount, which is built into the tuition pricing, and makes online students ineligible for institutional scholarships. The information below shows the various types of funds available to online students.

**FAFSA INFORMATION**
- PIN website: www.pin.ed.gov
- FAFSA website: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Anderson school code: 003418

**COMPANY REIMBURSEMENT:**
Many organizations offer their employees full or partial tuition reimbursement for furthering their education. Please check with your Human Resources Department to see if your organization participates. Contact our Financial Aid Planning Office for more information about how this works at Anderson. You can also print the Delayed Billing Agreement form to give to your employer. IMPORTANT NOTE: Funding may be available for qualified MCJ applicants through the agency’s asset forfeiture and seizure funds.

**VETERANS BENEFITS:**
Anderson University is proud to partner with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in assisting our military veterans in obtaining their education. Check out our Veterans Benefits flier to learn how the process works. You can also contact our VA Certifying Official at: jgodfrey@andersonuniversity.edu or 864-231-2072 to this and ALL of the other PDFs on the AUonline.com link.
HISTORY
Anderson University traces its origin to one of the first institutions of higher learning for women in the United States, founded in 1848. The original school was forced to close during the Civil War and did not reopen; but in time a new generation carried on what had been begun at that institution. A group of public-spirited citizens, desirous of having an institution of higher learning in Anderson, offered 32 acres of land and $100,000 to the South Carolina Baptist Convention in 1910. In 1912, the College opened its doors and operated as a four-year college for women until 1930, when it became coeducational.

What we know as Anderson University has throughout its history adapted to the educational needs of South Carolinians and those outside the State seeking a great education in a Christian environment.

In 2005, the school officially became Anderson University as it added graduate programs and reorganized into colleges. The university is in the midst of the biggest period of growth in its history, having doubled enrollment in the past 12 years.

Today, more than 3,100 students enjoy a high-quality education in more than 50 fields of study. Anderson University’s scenic campus, located in the historic district of Anderson, South Carolina, benefits from its proximity to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the vibrant city of Greenville, South Carolina. Anderson’s campus has recently grown from its original 68 acres to more than 270 acres, including four new major building projects that have been completed within the past four years.
Anderson University has received numerous accolades and national recognition as an intentionally Christian university offering exceptional academics.

Recent recognitions, include:
- Top Tier University (#21) in the South - *U.S. News & World Report*
- One of “America’s 100 Best College Buys”
- One of the “49 Up and Coming Universities to Watch in the Nation” - *U.S. News & World Report*
- 139 Best Southeastern Universities - The Princeton Review
- The #1 Regional College in the South for “Excellence in Teaching” - *U.S. News & World Report*
- “A Best Christian College”
- The #1 “Most Efficient” Regional College in the South for academic quality combined with cost efficiency (*U.S. News & World Report*)

**Anderson University Online**
The online educational opportunities at Anderson University add value through convenience and flexibility, allowing busy, working students to advance their education and future. Anderson University is committed to academic excellence in all of its programs and has an established reputation as a school with a diverse and Christ-centered environment.

Anderson University provides a high-quality education so students are proficient and knowledgeable in their chosen professions. Anderson’s faculty members are dedicated and knowledgeable, and they model the principles of the Christian faith. Anderson University continually strives for success and provides a unique online and on-campus atmosphere that is extremely conducive to student achievement.
1. **HOW DO I PREPARE FOR ONLINE COURSES?**
For your convenience, we offer a student training presentation that provides instructions on how to take an online course. The presentation is available upon request.

2. **HOW WILL I ACCESS MY ONLINE COURSE?**
Enrolled students will receive a login ID and password. Upon entering the ID and password in the login window, students will be able to access their online class, view course information or retrieve their academic records.

3. **WILL I HAVE FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS WITH MY PROFESSOR?**
Online courses are delivered entirely through the Internet. However, students can visit the campus and meet with professors during office hours if desired.

4. **WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO LIBRARY RESOURCES?**
Our library resources and services are available to all faculty and students wherever the programs or courses are located and however they are delivered.

5. **HOW DO I GET HELP IF I CANNOT ACCESS MY ONLINE COURSE?**
Anderson University provides all online students with access to our Online Student Help Desk via telephone Monday-Friday 8:30AM-10PM (EST) or via an online work request.

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