

# BA IN ARTS AND LETTERS

Units required for Major: 120

## Program Description

The BA in Arts & Letters degree completion program is designed for individuals who discontinued their university education and now seek to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. This multidisciplinary major centers on four online core courses that explore the evolution and representation of diverse people and communities through creative and critical lenses. The major situates literature, philosophical thought, history, communications and art within different cultural contexts to analyze the ever-changing meanings of citizenship, creative production and self-expression. The major requires completion of the four core courses and any outstanding General Education and/or Graduation Requirements, so the time to completion varies from individual to individual.

The BA in Arts & Letters is a collaboration between the College of Arts & Letters and the College of Continuing Education. As such, the program seeks to prepare individuals who pursued educational interests in the arts and/or humanities to advance in their personal and/or professional lives.

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## More Information

<https://www.cce.csus.edu/aandl> (<https://www.cce.csus.edu/aandl/>)

## Eligibility Requirements

This multidisciplinary major is designed for students who have stopped-out in good standing from the pursuit of any major that aligns with degree program offerings in the College of Arts & Letters at Sacramento State or another university.







At the time of application, students must have met the following requirements:

1. Must have begun coursework in a degree program that aligns with a program offered by California State University, Sacramento's College of Arts & Letters
2. Must not have been enrolled at university for at least 1 academic year
3. Completed at least 70 units of coursework (may be upper or lower division units).
4. Completed all lower-division GE requirements for California State University system at CSUS or another institution.
5. Have a minimum cumulative GPA not lower than 2.0.

## Program Requirements

Prior Academic Work (84 units)

- Completed Lower Division GE and GR Coursework (60 units)
- Completed Lower Division Coursework in a major in the college or comparable (12 units)
- Upper Division Coursework (12 units)

Code	Title	Units
<b>A. Required Upper Division Core Courses</b>		
ALS 101	Texts Over Time	3
ALS 102	Individual, Community, and Citizenship	3
ALS 103	Creativity, Meaning, and Criticism	3
ALS 104	Happiness, Well-Being and the Good Life	3
<b>Select an additional 24 units from the following:</b> <sup>1</sup>		
<b>B. Language - Communication and Expression</b>		6
COMS 8	Interpersonal Communication Skills	
COMS 100B	Rhetoric and Social Influence 	
COMS 116	Intercultural Communication	
ENGL 109W	Preparing to Write in the Disciplines	
ENGL 110B	History of the English Language	
HIST 166	Popular Culture <sup>2</sup>	
HRS 161	Multicultural America  <sup>2</sup>	
SPAN 1A	Elementary Spanish	
	or SPAN 1B Elementary Spanish	
<b>C. Literature - Texts, Ideas and Ideals</b>		6
COMS 55	Media Communication and Society	
ENGL 140J	The Victorian Imagination	
ENGL 141B	Shakespop: Shakespeare and Popular Culture	
ENGL 180B	Forms of African-American Fiction 	
ENGL 180H	American Identities: In the Intersection of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity	
ENGL 180J	Jewish American Literature	
ENGL 185B	Twentieth Century Fiction by Women 	
FREN 110	Survey of French Literature	
HIST 4	Survey of Early Western Civilization <sup>2</sup>	
HRS 10	Arts and Ideas of the West: Ancient to Medieval <sup>2</sup>	
HIST 50	World History I: to 1500 <sup>2</sup>	
HRS 70	Arts and Ideas of Asia: Ancient to Medieval <sup>2</sup>	
JOUR 172	Women in the Mass Media	
MUSC 10A	Survey of Music Literature I <sup>2</sup>	
THEA 2	History of the Theatre: Ancient to Renaissance <sup>2</sup>	
<b>D. Arts and Music - The Creative Process</b>		6
ART 7	Introduction to Art and Visual Culture <sup>2</sup>	
ART 70	Form, Space Vision <sup>2</sup>	
ENGL 30A	Introduction to Creative Writing	
DNCE 131	Dance Cultures Of America  <sup>2</sup>	
HRS 180	The Film <sup>2</sup>	
MUSC 9	Music In World Cultures <sup>2</sup>	
MUSC 18	Music Appreciation <sup>2</sup>	
MUSC 118D	Hip-Hop in Urban America	
PHIL 136	Philosophy Of Art <sup>2</sup>	
THEA 9	Appreciation Of Acting <sup>2</sup>	
THEA 115A	Multicultural Puppetry  <sup>2</sup>	
<b>E. Philosophy - Meaning and Critique</b>		6
COMS 2	Argumentation <sup>2</sup>	

COMS 153	Journalism Law and Ethics
HIST 15H	Major Problems in U.S. History <sup>2</sup>
HRS 105	Approaches to the Humanities <sup>2</sup>
HRS 119	Classical Mythology
JOUR 50	Media Literacy and Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>
PHIL 4	Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>
PHIL 60	Deductive Logic I <sup>2</sup>
PHIL 112	History Of Ethics <sup>2</sup>
PHIL 117	Existentialism <sup>2</sup>
PHIL 125	Philosophy Of Science <sup>2</sup>
PHIL 131	Philosophy Of Religion <sup>2</sup>

**Total Units** **36**

<sup>1</sup> At least 12 additional units must be upper division for a total of at least 24 upper division units.

<sup>2</sup> Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement. NOTE: Students will work closely with the program advisors to ensure satisfactory completion of all University wide General Education and Graduation Requirements. Where possible, these can be overlapped with courses taken to satisfy the Required Upper Division core courses and Literature -Texts, Ideas and Ideals courses.

## General Education Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Area A: Basic Subjects</b>		
A1 - Oral Communication <sup>2</sup>		
A2 - Written Communication <sup>2</sup>		0
A3 - Critical Thinking <sup>2</sup>		0
<b>Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (0-3 Units)</b>		
B1 - Physical Science <sup>2</sup>		0
B2 - Life Forms <sup>2</sup>		0
B3 - Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5) <sup>2</sup>		0
B4 - Math Concepts <sup>2</sup>		0
B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>2</sup>		0 - 3
<b>Area C: Arts and Humanities (0-3 Units)</b>		
C1 - Arts <sup>2</sup>		0
C2 - Humanities <sup>2</sup>		0
C1/C2 - Area C Course <sup>2</sup>		0
C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. <sup>3</sup>		0 - 3
<b>Area D: The Individual and Society (3 Units)</b>		
Area D Course <sup>2</sup>		0
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Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.		3
<b>Area E: Understanding Personal Development</b>		
Area E Course <sup>2</sup>		0
<b>Area F: Ethnic Studies</b>		
Area F Course		0
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>3-9</b>

<sup>1</sup> To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email ([advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu)).

<sup>2</sup> Completion of all lower division General Education and Graduation Requirements is a condition of admission to the program.

<sup>3</sup> Department recommends Electives that meet Area C Requirements; see Program Requirements table above.

## Graduation Requirements <sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Units
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (9 Units)</b>		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)</b>		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE) <sup>2</sup>		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement <sup>3</sup>		6

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<sup>2</sup> Department recommends Electives that meet the WI Graduation Requirement and the Race and Ethnicity Requirement; see Program Requirements table above.

<sup>3</sup> If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)