

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN **LIBERAL STUDIES**

(BA)

WHY OUR PROGRAM?

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Liberal Studies program prepares you for career advancement or graduate education, while providing personal enrichment. You will develop highly valued skills in critical thinking and communications, which are applicable to any work environment. A program that is highly adaptable with numerous options for specialization, you can receive a personalized education that enables you to pursue your unique goals and limitless career possibilities.

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ▶ You may tailor your program to match your profession or interests
- ▶ Offers both breadth across the liberal arts, and depth in a specified area of study
- ▶ Among the highest enrolled undergraduate programs at Thomas Edison State University (TESU)

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OPEN NEW DOORS WITH A MULTIDISCIPLINARY DEGREE

In a constantly evolving and global economy, employers seek individuals with the skills to think critically and contextually, and to identify creative workplace solutions. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Liberal Studies program enables you to explore the human experience from many perspectives, with exposure to the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences and the arts. This program is designed for students interested in combining course work in two or more disciplines within Liberal Arts subject areas to create a multidisciplinary degree.

AREAS OF STUDY

You may also specialize in one of the following areas of study:

- ▶ Communications
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Criminal Justice
- ▶ General Management
- ▶ Healthcare Management
- ▶ Health and Wellness
- ▶ Human Resources Management
- ▶ Humanities
- ▶ Labor Studies
- ▶ Natural Sciences/Mathematics
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Social Sciences



"After researching my options, I found Thomas Edison State University to be a perfect fit. Nearly one year after enrolling, I completed my degree and became the first female college graduate in my family, graduating with honors"

Amna Pervez Malik, BA '17

CAREER INSIGHTS



Within a 100 mile radius of TESU*:

- ▶ **6.4% job growth (2020-2025) (Nation +7.5%)**
- ▶ **167,248 current positions**
- ▶ **18,198 annual openings**
- ▶ **Median earnings ≈ \$83.1K/yr (Nationally \$71.4K/yr)**

*Emsi Q2 2020 Data Set

Top Occupations:

- ▶ Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists
- ▶ Management Analysts
- ▶ Postsecondary Teachers
- ▶ Managers, All Other
- ▶ Public Relations Specialists

WHY CHOOSE TESU?

As one of the first schools in the country designed specifically for busy, motivated adults, Thomas Edison State University is dedicated to providing you with a high-quality education — anytime, anywhere.

- ▶ **Exceptional Value:** Competitive tuition and fees. Plus, financial aid and scholarships are available.
- ▶ **Transfer Credits:** TESU accepts up to 90 transfer credits from a regionally accredited institution.
- ▶ **Rolling Semesters:** Begin school when it's convenient for you—a new semester begins each month.
- ▶ **Degree Flexibility:** Engage in your courses whatever time of day works for you. Courses are available 24/7.

ONLINE. ACCREDITED. RESPECTED

Three words that characterize Thomas Edison State University's (TESU) unique approach to providing quality higher education in today's technology-fueled times.

Dedicated to educating adult learners for five decades, TESU has set the standard in online learning. As the leader in online education and a national leader in the assessment of adult learning, TESU is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and has been called "the college that paved the way for flexibility" by *The New York Times*.

Our innovative online and independent study courses and credit-by-exam programs give you the flexibility to pursue your degree when and where it is convenient for you. With more than 100 areas of study, TESU offers associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and undergraduate and graduate certificates. One of New Jersey's senior public institutions, TESU's liberal credit transfer policies and tuition models remove barriers for adults pursuing higher education. Our resume-relevant programs provide career-building skills to help you meet your educational and professional goals.

YOU'RE READY TO STUDY WITH THE LEADER IN ONLINE EDUCATION. EARN YOUR DEGREE ON YOUR SCHEDULE. VISIT TESU.EDU AND APPLY TODAY.

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Courses and Credit Allocation BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN LIBERAL STUDIES

	Credits
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	60
Intellectual and Practical Skills	15
Written Communication	6
Oral Communication	3
Quantitative Literacy	3
SOS-110 Critical Information Literacy	3
Civic and Global Learning	9
Diversity	3
Ethics	3
Civic Engagement	3
Knowledge of Human Cultures	12
Understanding of the Physical and Natural World	4-7
General Education Electives	17-20
LIBERAL STUDIES	30
OPTION A	30
Students complete a total of 30 credits of Liberal Studies courses that include at least 15 credits at the 300/400 level and no more than 6 credits at the 100 level.	
OPTION B	30
Students select an 18-credit concentration from the areas of study and complete an additional 12 credits of Liberal Studies courses.	
ELECTIVES	27
CAPSTONE	3
LIB-495 Liberal Studies Capstone	3
TOTAL	120

