

**Part II. Description of Curriculum Change**

**Current Program**

**Proposed Program**

Program/Track: <u>BA Philosophy</u>	Program/Track: <u>BA Philosophy</u>
<b>Liberal Studies:</b> As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: <u>53</u>  Mathematics: 3cr Philosophy: Included in major Liberal Studies Electives: 9cr, no courses with PHIL prefix	<b>Liberal Studies:</b> As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: <u>46-47</u>  Mathematics: 3cr Philosophy: Included in major Liberal Studies Electives: 9cr, no courses with PHIL prefix
<b>College:</b> <b>Foreign Language</b> <u>0-6</u>	<b>College:</b> <b>Foreign Language</b> <u>0-6</u>
<b>Major:</b> <u>30</u>	<b>Major:</b> <u>30</u>
<b>Free Electives:</b> <u>31-37</u>	<b>Free Electives:</b> <u>37-44</u>
<b>Total Degree Requirements:</b> <u>120</u>	<b>Total Degree Requirements:</b> <u>120</u>

NOTE: The following is the explanation of how the proposed program credits were calculated and would not be included in your [fast-track form](#).

**How LS credits were calculated:**

Learning Skills – they require a 3cr MATH course = 12cr  
 Knowledge Areas – they did not require a specific Natural Science option and students only have 6cr in humanities since PHIL is included in major = 25-26cr  
 Liberal Studies Electives – they require 9cr = 9cr

**Total LS credits = 12 + 25-26 + 9 = 46-47 LS credits**

See next page for the new curriculum framework explanation.

## New Curriculum Liberal Studies Framework

### Liberal Studies Requirements

All students must fulfill the requirements of the university's Liberal Studies program. This involves a minimum of 43 credits among Learning Skills, Knowledge Areas and Liberal Studies electives. The number of credits may rise slightly depending on student choices. Different colleges and sometimes departments within colleges may have specific variations as to how these Liberal Studies requirements are to be met.

<b>LEARNING SKILLS</b>		12-13cr
English Composition I and II	6cr	
Mathematics	3-4cr	
Dimensions of Wellness	3cr	

<b>KNOWLEDGE AREAS</b>		28-29cr
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Humanities	9cr	
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One course in history, one in literature and one in philosophy or religious studies.

Fine Arts: One Course from List	3cr	
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Natural Science: Choose 1 Option	7-8cr	
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Option I (8 credits): Natural Science Laboratory Courses  
Any two courses with laboratories (4cr each) from the natural science laboratory course list.

Option II (7 credits): One Laboratory Course plus One Non-laboratory Course  
One course with a laboratory (4cr) from the natural science laboratory course list and one course (3cr) from the natural science non-laboratory course list.

Social Science: Three Courses from List	9cr	
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<b>LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES</b>		3-9cr
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>43-51cr</b>
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Global and Multicultural Awareness: One course from List	3cr	
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Students must fulfill this requirement by completing one course from the list; most of these courses will at the same time fulfill other requirements set by Liberal Studies or in some cases by a college or department.

Writing Across the Curriculum:  
Minimum of Two "W" Courses

All students must include among the total courses required for graduation a minimum of two designated writing-intensive courses. One of these courses must be in the student's primary major; the other(s) may be in Liberal studies, college or major requirements, or free electives. Such courses, which involve extensive use of writing as part of the learning experience, are identified with a "W" as part of the section number in each semester's schedule of classes listing on URSA.