Liberal Studies Majors Requirements

Prior to receiving the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation (LS/TP) and the Multiple Subject Credential, candidates must demonstrate a competent understanding of the subjects commonly taught in the elementary schools. At Dominican University of California, the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation Subject Matter Preparation Program as endorsed by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires candidates to:

- Have an overall minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Receive at least a 'C' (2.0) grade in all courses for the major (identified Subject Matter Courses);
- Receive at least a 'B' grade in the LS seminars and EDUC courses
- Participate (years 1, 2, 3) in an end-of-each-semester review and evaluation of their portfolio. Portfolios include Subject Matter evidence;
- Successfully complete fieldwork and the required documentation;
- Pass the California Subject Examination for Teachers (CSET) *prior to entering the teacher preparation portion of the Program;*
- Pass Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) and the California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA) *prior to applying for the Preliminary Multiple Subject Credential.*

Important Notes

- The Program includes the required hours of clinical field experience in a public elementary school classroom.
- Summer course work may be necessary to complete the Program requirements in four years.
- General Education requirements are met by completing the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation curriculum. Course work taken at other colleges will be accepted as part of the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation Major, if they are reasonable equivalents, in content and area of study, of courses listed in the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation curriculum. Transfer credit decisions are subject to approval of the Registrar and the Coordinator of the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation Program. For course descriptions, consult the listings of individual programs in this *Catalog*.
- Candidates interested in fulfilling the requirements of the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation Subject Matter Preparation Program and Multiple Subject Credential Program must consult a Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation advisor as soon as possible.
- Requirements for this program may undergo changes during the two years covered by this *Catalog*. See the Coordinator of the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation Program for the most current requirements. Indications of semester offerings are subject to change based on enrollment.

Appeals Process

Candidates may appeal a failure to meet any of the above requirements by submitting a written statement to the Coordinator of the Liberal Studies/Teacher Preparation Subject Matter Preparation Program and the Dean of the School of Education and Counseling Psychology within 30 days of the date of receiving notice from the Coordinator. The Coordinator will respond in writing within 10 working days of receipt of the candidate's written statement.