

ADULT STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College's Bachelor of Arts with Liberal Studies emphasis is an academically rigorous, non-traditional degree program for adult learners. The goal is to help the adult learner:

- Grow in various areas of life, emphasizing the intellectual, spiritual, social, and professional realms;
- Enhance leadership techniques, basing them on Biblical principles;
- Increase effectiveness in interpersonal and professional communications; and
- Complete the goal of earning a college degree.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Each student will have an advisor who will assist the learner in customizing a program to complete the Liberal Studies degree. Hillsdale's Bachelor of Arts with Liberal Studies program is designed for people who:

- Are adults and need a non-traditional class schedule;
- May have completed some previous college (with a GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 scale on all prior college work);
- Are highly motivated to seek and work diligently for a college degree;
- Have the potential for earning some college hours for prior experiential learning, and
- Desire the opportunity to work toward academic goals in a Christian college supported by well-qualified and caring faculty and staff.

The classes in the Bachelor of Arts with Liberal Studies program meet just once a week in order to be accessible to working adults. Courses are accelerated, meaning students attend for fewer hours than a traditional college program, but outside assignments make up for the reduced class time. Courses are offered one or two nights a week so students can focus on studies without the stress of taking a full complement of courses simultaneously.

PROGRAM FORMAT

To allow students to fit this program into their busy lives, the College schedules courses during evening weeknight hours from 6-10 p.m. Each three-hour course requires six weeks of class with possible pre- and post-course work. Additional course delivery options are on-line courses, weekend courses, workshops, independent studies, and other extra-traditional delivery formats.

ADMISSION GUIDELINES

This degree program has been designed for the student who needs a non-traditional format and is serious about reaching his or her academic goals. The student should be:

- 21 years of age or older, or
- Married, or
- Employed full-time

Traditional students desiring to take courses in this program should fit the above guidelines or have reached the Junior classification. Exceptions must be approved by the Coordinator of Adult Studies.

ADMISSION STATUS

Based on a review of credentials, students may be admitted on regular, conditional, probationary, or special status. Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College reserves the right to restrict or deny admission to any person, otherwise eligible, for reasons determined to be in the best interest of the institution by the officers thereof. This reserved right shall be administered in a manner strictly consistent with state and federal non-discrimination laws.

The College is aware that all students have not had the same opportunities for academic preparation. In recognition of extenuating circumstances, four types of admissions have been established for this Program: regular, conditional, probationary, and special.

Regular Admission:

Granted to students who have met the criteria for admission. The student is eligible for enrollment and subject to the academic placement recommendations of the Assessment Committee.

Conditional Admission:

Granted to students who have not completed the required admission documents or whose references reflect doubt on the compatibility of the student with the purposes of the College. A student admitted to the Program conditionally is given permission to enroll and complete up to 26 hours only. If the student is unable to submit the required admission documents or resolve the doubt discovered in the application process, he or she will not be permitted to enroll in courses beyond a total of 26 hours at this institution.

Probationary Admission:

Granted to students who do not meet the criteria for a candidate for admissions, or who have an ACT Composite Score lower than 16, or who transfer from another college while on academic probation, or whose placement scores reflect serious doubt as to the student's ability to benefit and succeed on the college level. The student is limited to not more than 13 credit hours while on probationary status. Probation may be removed after satisfactory completion of the semester at this institution by action of the Registrar.

Special Admission:

Students in this Program who do not meet the criteria for admission may be given special permission to enroll in the Program by the Admissions Committee. These students may continue in the Program as long as they maintain a grade of "C" or higher on all course work. Graduation with the baccalaureate degree will require successful completion of all general education and elective hours.

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH LIBERAL STUDIES EMPHASIS

LIBERAL STUDIES AIM:

The aim of the Liberal Studies Program is twofold: first, to provide a broad general education with a biblical and religious studies core, and secondarily, to afford the student an opportunity to define the territory of intellectual enquiry. The very design of the program indicates a multiplicity of church-related and vocational possibilities. The general objectives of this degree are as follows:

- Competency in Biblical Foundations
- Integration of Christian principles with the student's primary area of competence

Humanities & Literature 12 hours
(Literature, Biblical Literature, Philosophy, Music, Art, Drama)
 *Literary Study of the Bible I
 *Literary Study of the Bible II

Language Arts 6 hours
 *English Composition I
 *English Composition II

Mathematics & Natural Science 11 hours
(Math, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Astronomy, Earth Science, Environmental Science)

Social Studies 9 hours
(Psychology, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Anthropology, History)

Religious Studies 18 hours
(Bible, Missions, Religion, Theology)
 2000 level or above

Total 56 hours

Free Electives Total 30 hours
Above categories, Speech, Critical Thinking, Ethics, Computer Science, Physical Education, College Orientation, Business

Major (3000 level and above) 42 hours

DEGREE TOTAL 128 hours

Note: College policy requires a minimum of 45 credit hours in upper division courses for all Bachelor's degrees.