

B.S. LIBERAL STUDIES (INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAM OF STUDY)

The Program

The fundamental program requirement is that each student must complete an approved curriculum of study having no fewer than 120 credit hours of college-level work that demonstrates a broad base in the traditional liberal arts and a significant concentration of study in two or more distinct academic areas.

Although it should be possible for a student to enter Husson University with an approved IPS, it is recommended that an incoming student enroll in one of Husson's traditional programs (or elect the Undeclared option) so that various opportunities and options available within the program guidelines may be explored with the help of a knowledgeable faculty advisor. It is expected that the approved program of study be filed with the Dean of the College of Science and Humanities prior to beginning course work as a third year student (>60 Credit Hours). In the event that program approval is sought after beginning the third year's work, an academic program totaling more than 120 credit hours may be required in order to satisfy all requirements.

Basic Guidelines

It is expected that all approved IPS programs leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies will incorporate the following features, **in addition** to our general education requirements, including:

A. Statement

A written statement by the student explaining their reasons for pursuing the degree, their choice of concentrations, and their vocational goals.

B. Science and Humanities Distribution Courses

- Social Sciences—At least two additional courses
- Humanities (Communications, English, Fine Arts, Humanities, Foreign Language, or Philosophy)—At least four additional courses (one may be a sixth English [EH] class)
- Science/Mathematics (Accounting, Computer Science, Math, or Science)—At least two additional courses

C. Concentrations

- Two Concentrations or Minors of at least six courses or eighteen (18) hours each. Two courses in each concentration must be at the 300-level or above. A 2.5 GPA or better is required in each of the concentrations.
- Approval of each concentration by a faculty member with relevant expertise in the area of study.

D. Capstone

Completion of a Senior Capstone Experience (Thesis, Project, Internship, or Portfolio) appropriate to the concentrations and/or student's goals after graduation. This will be evaluated and approved by the advisor and the two area faculty.

All students must complete at least 120 total credit hours for graduation. A student may complete his or her minimal distribution requirements by courses used in the concentration or minor. Normally, a general education course will not count toward the concentration requirements unless it is specifically named by Husson University as a required course in an 18-credit minor. However, this does not reduce the total 120-credit degree requirement.

The curriculum outlined below should be followed by the advisor and student to ensure that all degree requirements are met.

General Education Courses

EH 105	College Writing	3
HE 111	The Husson Experience ***	1
Bridge Elective		3
Fine Arts Elective		3
Foreign Culture and Conversation Elective		3
Historical Elective		3
Humanities Elective		3
Lab Science Elective		3-4
Literature Elective		3
Math I Elective		3-4
Math II Elective		3
Perspectives Electives		9
Philosophical Elective		3
Psychological/Sociological Elective		3
Sustainability Elective		3
Writing Intensive Elective		3
Additional General Education Requirements:		
Community Service		
Additional Distribution Requirements		
Humanities (CM, EH, FA, HU, LC, PH)		12
Social Sciences courses (EC, HS, HY, PY, SY)		6
Science/Mathematics courses (MI, MS, SC)		6
Other Electives		
Other Electives		6-9
Areas of Concentration		
HU 411	Senior Capstone Experience	3
First Concentration		18
Second Concentration		18
Total Hours		121-126

***Credit may not be required for degree completion.