Liberal Studies Program Outline for Students and Advisors  
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I. General Guidelines:

A. Every student must take 42 hours in Liberal Studies courses: 15 hours in First-Year Core, 3 hours in Freshman Seminar, and 24 hours in Perspectives.

B. At least one 3-hour Perspectives course must be taken at the 300-400 level outside the major.

C. A course may not be used to satisfy semester hour requirements for both the major/program and Liberal Studies Perspectives Categories.

D. If a course meets a Liberal Studies Perspectives requirement and is taken to satisfy a major program requirement, the relevant Perspectives Category is satisfied, but the credits must be made up with a Liberal Studies Perspectives Course outside the major.

E. Students must participate in an Academic Learning Community, preferably in the first semester of the freshman year.

II. First-Year Core (15 hours):

A. English Writing (6 hours)

B. Mathematics (3 hours; May be satisfied by passing a higher level math course.)

C. Oral Communication (3 hours; Taken only after the first semester of English writing sequence.)

D. Wellness (3 hours)

III. The Freshman Seminar (3 hours)

A. The Freshman Seminar must be taken by all new freshmen in their first semester

B. The Freshman Seminar fulfills one Perspectives Category requirement but does not count toward the 24 hours of perspectives courses. (See I.A. above)

IV. Perspectives Categories (24 hours; Including one upper-level elective, see I.B. above):

A. Social Sciences (6 hours; Courses must be taken in two different disciplines)

B. Physical and Biological Sciences (6 hours)
   1. Courses must be taken in two different disciplines
   2. Other 100-200 level science courses with a lab or applied component may substitute, even if not approved for Liberal Studies.

C. History (3 hours)

D. Humanities (3 hours)
E. Fine and Performing Arts (3 hours)
F. World Cultures (3 hours)

V. Student Contracts for Liberal Studies Credit in the Perspectives at the 300-400 Level

A. A student may contract for Perspectives credit in any upper-level (300-400 level) course outside the major.

B. The contract must be approved in advance (before enrolling in a course) by the instructor and by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for Liberal Studies. The proposed contract must satisfy the Liberal Studies goals and areas of emphasis.