



To: Review Committee of Academic Senate

From: Michelle Hughes, Chair of Education

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Re: Increase ED 109 Liberal Studies Seminar from 1 to 2 units

This request is made for the 2021-22 academic year.

ED 109 is the Senior Seminar or capstone course for Liberal Studies majors. The significance of the coursework, reflection on coursework in the major, and readings in the course justify the one-unit increase. The culminating assignment of an electronic portfolio affirms the weight and importance of this capstone course (sample electronic portfolio: <https://hannahboelter.weebly.com/>).

The course workload for both Liberal Studies majors and Education professors supports this request. In the last two years, two different education professors have taught ED 109 and both agree that a one-unit increase is justified in regards to grading, seat time, and course preparation. Students invest a great deal of time in course readings and writing that exceeds the current one-unit.

The Liberal Studies major requires between 108-112 units of GE and major requirements. This change would increase units required for the major by one-unit.

Requirements for Liberal Studies

(Multiple Subject) Major: ~~112-116~~ 113-117 units

Note: The outline of requirements below incorporates all of Westmont's General Education Requirements.

I. Language and Literature (20-24 units)

- ED 172 Literature for Children and Adolescents (4)
- ENG 002 Composition (4) (waived if a score of 580 on the SAT I Writing Component) or a score of "4" or "5" on AP language exam
- ENG 104 Modern Grammar and Advanced Composition (4)
- ENG 106 Language Acquisition (4)
- Reading Imaginative Literature Requirement (4)
- General Education Language Requirement (4)

For details of how students fulfill the College's writing intensive course requirements, please see Liberal Studies Handbook.

II. History/Social Science (16 units)

- ED 105 Perspectives on Cultural Diversity and Education (4)
- HIS 007 United States History to 1877 (4)
- HIS 009 World Civilization to 1750 (4)
- HIS 178 California Experience (4)

III. Mathematics and Computer Science (8 units)

- ED 160 Technology for the Classroom Teachers: Elementary (2)
- MA 160 Fundamentals of Mathematics I (4)
- MA 165 Fundamentals of Mathematics II (2)

IV. Natural Science (12 units)

- LS 012 Introduction to Life Science (4)
- PHS 011 Introduction to Physical Science (4)
- PHS 114 Earth Science (4)

V. Visual and Performing Arts (8 units)

- ART 180 Art for Children (4)
- MU 184 Music for Children (4)

VI. Health and Physical Education (7 units)

- KNS 155 Fundamentals of Movement (2) [counts as one PE activity course]
- KNS 156 Health Education for the Classroom Teacher (2)
- PEA 032 Fitness for Life (1)
- Two additional one-unit PEA courses (2)

VII. Human Development (4 units)

- PSY 115 Child Development: Infancy Through Adolescence (4)

VIII. Preprofessional coursework (56 units)

ED 100 Explorations in Teaching: Elementary (4)

ED 109 Liberal Studies Seminar (4)

IX. Academic Concentration (10-12 units)

Each Liberal Studies major selects three full (3-4 unit) courses totaling no less than 10 units, above and beyond the requirements above, in one of the following areas. For details, see the Liberal Studies Handbook.

1. American Studies
2. Hispanic Studies (Spanish language, literature, and culture)
3. English
4. History/Social Science
5. Art
6. Music
7. Mathematics
8. Physical Science
9. Environmental Science

Liberal Studies majors may appeal to create other concentrations, aside from those above. In any case, the proposed concentration should meet the goal of equipping prospective elementary teachers with content knowledge appropriate for the K-6 classroom.