

Palmetto College

University of South Carolina

Bachelor of Arts in **Liberal Studies**

A Four-Year Degree Closer to Home

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to complete the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies?

A: Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits, and courses necessary to complete major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?

A: Yes, students are eligible to receive applicable federal financial aid assistance, state lottery education assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at www.palmettocollege.sc.edu.

Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina?

A: Yes, the degree is awarded by USC and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from the University.

Prepare For Your Future

Businesses and organizations need employees who can write and speak clearly, manage and solve problems and function creatively and effectively in the real world. Your Liberal Studies degree will prepare you for success in these critical areas through a multidisciplinary program you will design with an experienced advisor.

Do I even need a bachelor's degree?

It is more important than ever to have a four-year degree in order to stay competitive in today's job market.

A bachelor's degree is designed to provide students with a skill set that goes beyond mastering subject matter by teaching them the critical thinking, problem solving, writing and communication skills employers are looking for.

With a BLS, students will be better prepared for success in any career chosen. The U.S. Census Bureau reported weekly earnings in 2012 of \$515 more per week for those with a bachelor's degree in comparison to those with an associate's degree – nearly \$26,780 more per year.

What can I do with a BLS degree?

At the heart of a liberal arts education is a broad core curriculum that forms

the basis of practically all other areas of study. The BLS degree allows you to address your interests, offering the opportunity for study in one of two fields: social and behavioral sciences or arts and humanities. There is a critical need for people who can manage and solve problems, and who can deal with two certainties of the immediate future: ambiguity and change. These attributes are essential for functioning creatively and effectively in the real world.

Wouldn't a specific degree program be better for me?

Perhaps, but only if you know exactly what you want to pursue when you graduate. Most four-year degrees are programs designed to get you on specific career paths. But in today's ever-changing world, you might want and need the flexibility of a more general program of study.

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