LIBERAL STUDIES

The Liberal Studies Major (LSM) gives Bentley students the opportunity to stand out in a crowd and sharpen their competitive edge by demonstrating their ability to think analytically, critically and creatively.

The LSM is an optional double major. Unlike traditional liberal arts majors, however, it doesn’t stand alone. Instead, the LSM is an interdisciplinary second major that can be paired with any Bachelor of Science Degree.

In this way, the LSM helps Bentley students increase the value of their liberal arts education by combining some required courses in the general education curriculum with arts and science and business electives under specific themes or concentrations.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Students pursuing an LSM will be able to make connections relevant to the particular concentration’s theme across courses and disciplines.
- Students will be able to analytically reflect on and meaningfully discuss choices and insights within the LSM.
- Students will be able to write coherently about their choices and insights within the LSM and/or between the LSM and their primary major or their co-curricular activities.

SUCCESSFUL LSM GRADUATES WILL:

- Choose a coherent course of study within a particular LSM concentration, making a case for those choices each semester.
- Demonstrate — through an iterative process over time — their reflections, insights and connections across disciplines through discussion with their adviser and periodic narrative reflections that map where they have been and where they intend to go in order to expand their current understanding.
- Produce a culminating project that demonstrates their transdisciplinary insights, connections and understandings as a consequence of their work within the concentration.

CONCENTRATIONS

Students opting to complete an LSM will do so in one of the following areas of concentration:

- American Studies
- Diversity and Society
- Earth, Environment and Global Sustainability
- Ethics and Social Responsibility
- Global Perspectives
- Health and Industry
- Media Arts and Society
- Quantitative Perspectives

For more information on LSM concentrations, please see the reverse side of this flyer.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Diversity and Society

Diversity is a fundamental aspect of modern society and our everyday lives. This diversity offers the opportunity to enrich our lives through exposure to people with diverse backgrounds and experiences. At the same time, diversity can be a challenge as we meet others unlike us, and work out issues of accommodation, acceptance and equality for diverse groups. One of the great challenges of our time is to achieve a society that is integrative of diversity and provides for equal opportunity such that diversity enriches rather than divides. The Diversity and Society LSM will provide students with an understanding of this challenge through exposure to a broad range of topics and disciplines, all of which are united by a concern regarding diversity and equality. This can allow the student to extend an understanding of diversity beyond society and into the organization, as well as an appreciation and understanding of how diversity can productively and positively contribute to our everyday lives.