

LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR PATHWAYS

The Liberal Studies major at CSUDH prepares students to become transformative elementary or special education teachers in urban contexts. The major provides **two pathways** to becoming a teacher.

B.A. PATHWAY

The BA pathway is our traditional pathway into a career in teacher. Students complete their Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. After completing their B.A., students can complete their teaching credential in the Teacher Education Program at CSUDH or at another university.

The Traditional B.A. Pathway:

- Automatically enrolled once you declare the Liberal Studies major.
- Students may complete their degree at their own pace.
- Summer coursework is optional.
- Students earn the Elementary Subject Matter Waiver and do not need to take the CSET exam.
- Upon graduation, coursework is complete to be *intern ready* in multiple subjects or special education.
- Credential work at CSUDH is 2 additional semesters (1 year).
- Must re-apply to CSUDH as post-baccalaureate student to continue into credential program.
- All credential coursework completed post-bac is recognized as post-bac credit on transcripts.
- Students are charged credential tuition prices once enrolled in the credential program.

I.T.E.P. PATHWAY

Integrated Teacher Education Program

The Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) is an **accelerated** program that combines the study of academic subject matter with professional preparation and student teaching. Students receive **both** Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and Teaching Credential(s) as undergraduates.

The I.T.E.P. Pathway:

- Must apply to the I.T.E.P. program and meet the requirements.
- Students accelerate the pace of their degree and can complete it in 4 or 4.5 years. Transfer students can do so in 2 or 2.5 years.
- Students take a full course load (15-18 units) each semester.
- Summer coursework is highly encouraged to accelerate the degree.
- Students earn the Elementary Subject Matter Waiver and do not need to take the CSET exam.
- Students do not need to re-apply to CSUDH for the credential program.
- Credential work, including student teaching, is included with the bachelor's degree.
- Students are not qualified to be interns.
- Credential courses will be highlighted on CSUDH transcript for credit towards district salary increases.
- Students are charged undergraduate tuition prices.

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B.A. PATHWAY

Year 1

- Complete lower division GEs @ CSUDH or a community college.
- Move @ your own pace.

Year 2

- Complete lower division GEs @ CSUDH or a community college.
- Move @ your own pace.

Year 3

- Complete major courses in Liberal Studies.
- Declare LBS Depth of Study.
- Attempt the CBEST.
- Fulfill Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).
- Move @ your own pace.

Year 4

- Complete major courses in Liberal Studies.
- Pass the CBEST.
- Decide if/when you will apply to a credential program.
- Move @ your own pace.

Graduation w/ B.A. Degree

- Subject Matter Waiver is fulfilled w/ degree.
- Enter a credential program.
- You will be *intern ready*.

Credential Program

- 1 additional year of coursework and student teaching.

I.T.E.P. PATHWAY

Year 1

- Complete lower division GEs @ CSUDH or a community college.
- Take 15 - 18 units.
- May take 1-2 summer classes.

Year 2

- Complete lower division GEs @ CSUDH or a community college.
- Take 15 - 18 units.
- May take 1-2 summer classes.

Year 3

- Complete major courses in Liberal Studies.
- Apply to I.T.E.P. program.
- Attempt and *pass* the CBEST.
- Fulfill Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR).
- Take 15 - 18 units.
- Take 2-3 summer classes.
- Apply to credential program.

Year 4

- Complete credential courses and student teaching.

Graduation w/ B.A. Degree *and* Teaching Credential

- You will be qualified to apply for teaching jobs.