Bachelor of Liberal Studies

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Undergraduate major: Bachelor of Liberal Studies (B.L.S.)
Website: https://basbls.uc.uiowa.edu/degrees/bls

The Bachelor of Liberal Studies (B.L.S.) is designed for students who have earned college credit at a regionally accredited institution and would like to complete a bachelor's degree by distance education. The degree may be completed completely online or through a combination of on-site and online course work. Students may earn credit toward the degree with a selection of several types of courses, including web-based guided independent study courses, semester-based online courses, extension courses at sites throughout Iowa, and regular session courses.

The B.L.S. emphasizes workplace and leadership skills. Students must select at least one track from the following six options: expression in writing and arts; family, community, and social support; global studies; health and human studies; justice and ethics; and organizational studies. B.L.S. students may complete multiple tracks and earn undergraduate certificates offered by the University of Iowa. They may not earn minors or enroll in a second college at the University of Iowa while completing the B.L.S. degree.

Applicants to the B.L.S. program must have at least 24 s.h. of graded college-level transfer credit with a g.p.a. of 2.00 or higher; see Admission in this section of the Catalog for more detailed admission requirements.

The B.L.S. is awarded by University College and is administered by the Division of Continuing Education.

Programs

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Major

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