

APPLICATION FOR LIBERAL STUDIES

College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

The Liberal Studies Program is designed for the student who wishes to:

- (1) study a particular problem or theme through a multi-disciplinary constellation of courses; or
- (2) create an academic major-equivalent for which there are relevant courses but for which there is no approved degree program. To be eligible, a student must be in good academic standing (2.0 cumulative g.p.a. or higher) and have at least 21 more credits of course work still to undertake in the major-equivalent, beginning with the subsequent semester or term.

An eligible student may apply for admission to the Program by completing an application form on which the following must be included:

- (1) the educational goals of the proposed program (major-equivalent);
- (2) an explanation of why these goals cannot be achieved through an existing major;
- (3) a justification of the courses included in the major-equivalent in terms of the program goals; and
- (4) a list of courses that will comprise the major-equivalent, which total a minimum of 33 credits, of which at least 24 credits must be in upper-division courses.

The major-equivalent must be an academically sound, interdisciplinary course of study with thematic integrity and continuity. A student seeking a Liberal Studies degree must work closely with an academic advisor to formulate the particular course of study to ensure academic substance and rigor. University regulations applying to prerequisites and graduation requirements, including requirements for GE, WI, and H/A/P and the requirement that students complete 45 upper-division credits and a total of 120 semester credits, apply to all students at UH Hilo, including those with approved Liberal Studies major-equivalents.

The application form must be approved by the Faculty Advisor, the Liberal Studies Coordinator, and the CAS Faculty Senate. Six copies of this form and six copies of the student's transcript must be submitted to the Liberal Studies Coordinator no later than November 10th for the following Fall Semester or April 10th for the following Spring Semester.

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Name _____ Social Security No.: _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address: _____

Attach: ___ Original transcript ___ Original Proposal

 ___ Six Copies of Transcript and Proposal

1. Faculty Advisor _____ Date: _____

2. Liberal Studies Coordinator: _____ Date: _____

___ Approved Comments:

___ Not Approved

3. Academic Affairs Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

___ Approved Comments:

___ Not Approved

1. Describe the educational goals of the proposed (major-equivalent) program:

2. Explain why the educational goals of your proposed program cannot be achieved through an existing academic major:

3. Explain how the courses that you have selected for the proposed program will enable you to achieve your program goals:

Student's Name: _____

4. Proposed Major Equivalent - Program Title _____

A. Courses Completed to Date that apply towards the proposed program (list by institution, then alphabetically.)

<u>Alpha Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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B. Courses to be Completed:

<u>Alpha Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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C. Total Credits in Proposed Program: Lower Division _____ Upper Division _____

Advisor: _____ Date _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Program Requirements Met: _____ Date _____
Liberal Studies Coordinator's Signature)