**Anthropology:** describe and explain the processes of the human condition as well as the structure of the social, environmental, political, and economic conditions within which humans operate.

**Art:** non-art majors can take some introductory art history that explores the development of visual art.

**Communication Studies:** encompasses many facets of verbal and nonverbal, visual, electronic, and computer-mediated communication; emphasizes the importance of understanding how communication functions within different cultures and communities.

**Dance:** non-dance majors can take the introductory course, "Understanding Dance."

**Economics:** the study of how people and societies use and have used scarce resources to produce the things they want.

**English:** classes divided into the following categories: Literature, Creative Writing, English Education, Language, and Writing.

**Ethnic Studies:** seeks to understand the unique and interlocking experiences of racial/ethnic groups and to analyze how race intersects with other forces of social differentiation, such as gender, sexuality, and class, in the United States and in international contexts. Offers Women's Studies (WS) courses.

**Foreign Languages and Literatures:** concentrations in French, German, and Spanish (see FLL website for others); emphasize oral and written proficiency and aim to develop knowledge of the culture and the literature, and to promote the critical and analytical skills requisite to an understanding of their relationships.

**History:** an account of our human past; seeks to interpret the course of human affairs through evidence and reason.

**International Studies:** designed to help students understand the nature of diverse cultural groups outside North America. Four option areas to choose from: Asian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, and Middle East & North African Studies.

**Journalism and Technical Communication:** emphasizes the role of mass media in society and offers courses in news writing, broadcast and electronic reporting, public relations, technical/specialized journalism, computer-mediated communication, and many more.

**Liberal Arts (Interdisciplinary):** This is the general Liberal Arts major. Provides a broad study of human culture, history, and interaction by combining coursework from the many disciplines listed on this page.

**Music:** The department offers courses in music history, music performance, music education, composition, and music therapy. Limited courses open to non-majors.

**Philosophy:** the rational investigation of the truths and principles of being, knowledge, or conduct; any of the three branches, namely natural philosophy, moral philosophy, and metaphysical philosophy, that are accepted as composing this study.

**Political Science:** the study of how societies are governed and to what ends. Political scientists study government and politics within the United States, other nations, and among nations.

**Sociology:** the academic discipline of social organization and social problem solving; offers three concentrations, General Sociology, Criminology/Criminal Justice, and Environmental Sociology.

**Theatre:** embraces the interdisciplinary and collaborative nature of theatre. Performance, Theatrical Design and Production, or Playwriting and Dramaturgy; limited courses open to non-majors.
Clustering Courses by Area of Interest:

The Liberal Arts (Interdisciplinary) major allows students to create and organize their own plan of study based on their own personal interests within the College of Liberal Arts. Often, students will find a cluster of courses from various disciplines that share a common theme of interest to the student, allowing students to study a concept or topic through the lenses of multiple disciplines. The following are just some examples of the numerous possibilities.

**Combining disciplines into clusters by topic of interest is not required;** rather, it is simply one way to help focus and plan the major. Students are free to choose courses from any of the disciplines within the College of Liberal Arts whether they share a common theme or not. These are not concentrations and will not appear as such on your transcript.

For example, if you are fascinated by diversity and culture, you might research and select classes from the following disciplines that will allow you to study that theme from different perspectives:

- **Anthropology:** select courses that focus on specific cultures that interest you as well as the general development of culture worldwide
- **Communication Studies:** select courses that focus specifically on cultural communication
- **English:** select literature courses that analyze literature through specific cultural lenses, such as “Gender in Literature,” or “Asian-American Literature”
- **Ethnic Studies:** any Ethnic Studies course will provide an exploration of ethnicity and culture
- **Foreign Language:** study a foreign language to develop an understanding of a specific language, their literature, and culture
- **History:** select courses focused on a specific culture of interest, such as “African-American History,” “Ancient Greece,” or “The Old South”
- **Journalism & Technical Communication:** Select courses focused on how the media affects and interacts with culture
- **Sociology:** select courses specifically geared toward the study of how diversity and culture function within various social institutions

If you are interested in **Personal Identity,** research and consider courses from the following:

- **Communication Studies:** select courses in interpersonal communication; how individuals communicate for diverse audiences and purposes
- **English:** study written communication, creativity, literature, and literary theory for insight into how and why human beings interact and make the choices they do.
- **Psychology:** study the cognitive process and human behavior
- **Ethnic Studies:** study the ways in which race and ethnicity intersect with one’s self concept, social status, and behavior
- **Foreign Languages and Literature:** study specific language and culture within context of how language and culture help form identity
- **Sociology:** study personal identity within the context of social institutions and organization
- **Women’s Studies:** study the ways in which gender intersect with one’s self concept, social status, and behavior

**Minors to consider:** Any foreign language, English, Ethnic Studies, Sociology, Women’s Studies

**Minors to Consider:** Anthropology, any foreign language, Ethnic Studies, History, Sociology, Women’s Studies
If you are interested in **Great Minds/Fascinating People**, research and consider courses from the following:

- **History**: courses that focus on major accomplishments and events led by extraordinary leaders
- **Philosophy**: study the great thinkers of history and the ideas that continue to drive scholars forward
- **English**: literature courses that explore the works of the world’s most brilliant authors
- **Art/Music/Theatre**: Though limited courses are available to non-majors, introductory courses explore some of the great artistic works and minds of human history
- **Psychology**: study the cognitive process and human behavior
- **All disciplines will explore the great scholars and ideas of the field**

**Minors to consider**: History, Philosophy, English

If you are interested in **Human Conflict/Conflict Resolution**, research and consider courses in the following:

- **Anthropology**: courses that focus on human societies and their cultural setting; variations in beliefs, social customs, and human differences
- **Communication Studies**: courses that focus on cultural, societal, and organizational communications; study argumentation and persuasion
- **Economics**: courses that focus on how the distribution of resources affects diverse communities and social and political change
- **English**: courses focused on argumentation and persuasion; human conflict through lens of literature and literary theory
- **Ethnic Studies**: focus on racial and ethnic groups functioning within given societies
- **History**: courses that focus on major historical conflicts, such as times of war and major rebellions
- **Philosophy**: focus on the rational investigation of truths, ethics, and morals
- **Political Science**: courses that focus on the politics behind race, ethnicity, foreign relations, and major social issues
- **Psychology**: study the cognitive process and human behavior
- **Sociology**: focus on major social issues and social change

**Minors to consider**: Anthropology, Diversity in Law, any Foreign Language, Economics, Global Environmental Sustainability, International Development Studies, Ethnic
If you are interested in **Self-Expression**, research and consider courses in the following:

- **Art/Music/Theatre/Dance**: self-expression within artistic contexts; though limited courses are available to non-majors, introductory courses explore some of the great artistic works and minds of human history
- **Communication Studies**: courses in interpersonal communication; how individuals communicate for diverse audiences and purposes
- **English**: courses in creative writing, rhetoric, composition, and literature/literary theory explore creative minds, creative processes, and their effects and influences; human behavior through context of literary theory
- **Foreign Languages and Literatures**: study specific language and culture within context of how language and culture affect relationships and one’s ability to express one’s self
- **Journalism/Technical Communication**: how media affects society; visual, virtual, and written communications for diverse purposes and audiences
- **Philosophy**: focus on the rational investigation of human nature, truths, ethics, and morals
- **Psychology**: study the cognitive process and human behavior

*Minors to consider:* Media Studies, English, any foreign language, Information Science & Technology

If you are interested in **Human Rights and Advocacy**, research and consider courses from the following:

- **Anthropology**: courses that focus on human societies and their cultural setting; variations in beliefs, social customs, and human differences
- **Communication Studies**: courses that focus on speaking and persuasion abilities; cultural, societal, and organizational communications
- **Economics**: courses that focus on how the distribution of resources affects diverse communities and social and political change
- **English**: courses focused on writing skills and rhetorical concepts
- **Ethnic Studies**: focus on racial and ethnic groups functioning within given societies
- **Journalism & Technical Communication**: courses focused the effects of media; cultural communications, communication ethics, and law
- **Philosophy**: focus on the rational investigation of truths, ethics, and morals
- **Political Science**: courses that focus on the politics behind race, ethnicity, foreign relations, and major social issues; courses that focus on law and public policy
- **Psychology**: study the cognitive process and human behavior
- **Sociology**: focus on major social issues, social change, and community development

*Minors to consider:* Diversity in Law, any Foreign Language, Economics, Environmental Affairs, Global Environmental Sustainability, International Development Studies, Ethnic Studies, Media Studies, Peace & Reconciliation Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology