

**William Paterson University
Bachelor of Arts Degree
Completion Program at
Mercer County Community College**



Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies Majors Must Complete any
two of the following tracks:

English, History, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology

Psychology

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Thank you for your interest in WP @Mercer programs! We are here to help you make your transfer to William Paterson University simple and seamless, with much or all of your coursework done right there on the Mercer CCC campus.

Overview of 2+2

- Must graduate from Mercer or any NJ community college with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Fine Arts Degree.
- Apply to William Paterson the semester before you graduate and select the interest box for Mercer County Community College.
- Transfer in all 60 credits and have your WP general education requirements waived.
- Enjoy WP classes at Mercer in the junior and senior year with on-site WP faculty advisement.
- Complete a bachelor's degree on the Mercer Campus through in-person, hybrid, and online courses.
- Receive a discounted tuition rate for years 3 and 4 while taking WP classes.
- Current Undergraduate majors:
 - Liberal Studies with 2 of the following tracks: English, history, political science, psychology, and sociology
 - Psychology

Overview of 3+1

- Must graduate from Mercer or any NJ community college with an AA, AS, AFA, or AAS degree.
- Apply to William Paterson the semester before you graduate and select the WP/MCCC 3+1 Partnership Agreement Program on the WP application.
- Receive an application fee waiver at the time of application and follow all standard procedures for application, including requesting and submitting all official transcripts
- Transfer in all 60 credits and have your WP general education requirements (UCC) waived for AA, AS, and AFA graduates. AAS graduates can complete their outstanding WP general education requirements in year 3 at MCCC.
- Stay at MCCC in the third or junior year, register for third-year MCCC courses, and pay MCCC's tuition. (During the third year at MCCC, while earning 60 – 90 credits, students must complete the WP/MCCC 3+1 Advising Form for every term. This form enables WP advisors to approve MCCC courses through the New Jersey Transfer Equivalency Tool sponsored by www.njtransfer.org ensuring degree program

- alignment).
- A Financial Aid Consortium Agreement allows MCCC to process financial aid for students for their 60-90 credits being completed at MCCC.
 - Once 90 credits are completed at MCCC, submit final MCCC transcript to the admissions office at WP.

 - At WP in year 4, students continue to be advised by WP advisors and pay the WP tuition rate.
 - Currently features three Undergraduate majors for 3+1 for fall 23 (more will be added soon):
 - English
 - Disability Studies (year 4 is totally online)
 - Psychology
 - Liberal Studies
 - Nursing: RN to BSN Express Plus Degree Program

B.A. in Liberal Studies

Liberal Studies- An Interdisciplinary Major in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

The Liberal Studies AHHSS major combines interdisciplinary training in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, allowing students to participate in a flexible yet rigorous program. The Liberal Studies Major consists of 45 credits. Of these, 9 credits are specifically liberal studies courses. The remaining 36 credits are filled by two tracks of 18 credits each.

Upon completion, students will understand: the interconnection among the arts, humanities and social sciences; have considerable exposure to two academic areas; and develop research, written, and oral communication skills. The major is offered by the College of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. It is housed in the Department of Philosophy.

Liberal Studies Outcomes

- Inquiry and problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Creative expression
- Communication skills
- Research and synthesis
- Mastery of Content
- Use of Technology
- Career preparation and lifelong learning

What Can you Do With a Degree in Liberal Studies?

A Liberal Studies degree opens a wide range of careers. In today's information-driven economy, you will need critical thinking skills for continuous learning on the job. Many employers prefer versatile, interdisciplinary thinkers with broad knowledge about the world over narrow specialists with expertise in a single discipline.

The Liberal Studies Program gives you a strong background in two or more academic disciplines, and trains you to think critically about the practical and intellectual connections between them. Our internship program challenges you to apply what you are learning to your professional future, or to do a research project in collaboration with our faculty. Our senior capstone experience helps you contextualize your learning and prepares for your next step after college. A degree in liberal studies trains you to understand complex information, and to communicate it to diverse audiences with different perspectives. It gives you the skills needed to identify the information you need to make good decisions in a fluid and ever-changing world. Below is a list of some careers you might pursue after complete a degree in Liberal Studies:

- Teaching

- Higher Education Administration
- Law
- Politics
- Human Resources
- Grant and Technical Writing
- Advertising
- Marketing
- Social Work
- Community Organizing
- Journalism
- Public Relations
- Sales
- Government Civil Service
- Nonprofit Management

The MAJOR consists of 39 to 45 credits, as follows:

1. Core Requirements 9 credits

- A. LBST 2010 Liberal Studies Colloquium: Selected Topics – 3 credits (Must be taken at the beginning of the major)
- B. LBST 2500, LBST 4980, or Experiential Learning Requirement: Students must take either the Liberal Studies and Community Engagement Course, complete and internship of at least 3 credits in either of their tracks or through the Liberal Studies Program (LBST 4980), or complete another experiential learning course such as practicum for double majors in the Education program.
- C. LBST 4800 Senior Capstone Seminar: Selected Topics 3 credits

Students may also fulfill this requirement by taking a Senior Seminar in one of the two chosen tracks.

2. Track Requirement

Students must select any two tracks consisting of 18 credits, for a minimum of 36. Course selection will be done in consultation with the Liberal Studies Advisor or the Director.

LIBERAL STUDIES DISCIPLINARY TRACKS

(Select One Major and One Minor Track)

English, History, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology Major Tracks

<p><u>ENGLISH</u></p> <p>Prerequisite..... 3 Credits ENG 1500.....Intro to Literature (Mercer Equivalent – ENG 201)</p> <p>Requirements18 credits</p> <p>ENG 2000... Methods of Literary Analysis (3 credits)</p> <p>In addition, choose one of these survey courses (3 credits): ENG 3010, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3170, or 3180</p> <p>Select one Writing Course (3 credits): ENG 2310 or 3300</p> <p>Advanced Writing Courses with a pre-requisite of 2310 include: 3000, 3090, 3240, 3320, and 3340. 3380, 3390, 3430,3550</p> <p>Advanced Writing Courses with a pre-requisite of 3300 include 3330 and 3340. Please note: 3340 may have a pre-requisite of 2310 or 3300.</p> <p>Three Electives (9 credits) in writing or literature (one must be a literature course before 1900)</p> <p>Note: 6 of the above credits must be at the 3000 or 4000 course level.</p> <p>** waived for WPU at Mercer students who have completed an AA /AS degree 2005 or later</p>	<p><u>HISTORY</u></p> <p>Requirements 18 credits (total) Requirements 6 credits</p> <p>HIST 2050- U.S. History Through Reconstruction (3 credits) HIST 2060- U.S. History Since Reconstruction (3 credits)</p> <p>Electives 12 Credits</p> <p>4 History Electives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to two of them at the 2000 level• At least two of them at the 3000 and 4000 level
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<p><u>Psychology</u></p> <p>Requirements..... 18 credits</p> <p>PSY 1100 General Psychology <i>(Mercer Equivalent - PSY 101) (3 credits)</i></p> <p>Electives 15 credits</p> <p><i>(Must be <u>5</u> additional Psychology courses by advisement)</i></p>	<p><u>Political Science</u></p> <p>Requirements..... 18 credits</p> <p>POL 1200 American Government and Politics <i>(Mercer Equivalent – POL 101) (3 Credits)</i></p> <p>Electives 15 credits <i>(Must be Political Science courses at the <u>2000-4000 level</u>)</i></p>
<p><u>SOCIOLOGY</u></p> <p>Requirements.....18 credits</p> <p>SOC 1010 Principles of Sociology <i>(Mercer equivalent SOC 101) (3 Credits)</i></p> <p>Electives..... 15 credits</p> <p><i>(Must be <u>5</u> additional Sociology courses by advisement)</i></p>	

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B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY

The psychology major is one of the most popular majors at William Paterson University. The William Paterson University Bachelor's Degree in Psychology Completion Program at the Mercer County Community College campus offers students...

- Small class sizes taught by university professors who are scholars in their field
- In-person, hybrid, and online options for courses
- Individualized academic advisement by fulltime faculty
- Opportunities to complete internships in psychology for college credit in the Mercer area
- Opportunities to engage in psychological research with fulltime faculty
- Extra-curricular activities such as the Mercer branch of the WPU psychology club
- Opportunities to join and participate in the Mercer branch of the WPU chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honors Society in Psychology

The BA in Psychology degree prepares graduates for careers in psychology as well as continued graduate study in the field of psychology. An undergraduate major in psychology provides a solid background for advanced study in clinical psychology, counseling, social work, education, law, public administration, health care, human resources, marketing, and market research. The WPU Psychology Department also offers a master's degree program in Clinical and Counseling Psychology, and a doctoral degree program in Clinical Psychology.

Requirements of the Psychology Major

Pre-requisites (10 credits):

PSY 1100 – General Psychology – (PSY 101 at Mercer CCCC) - 3 credits

MAT 1100 or MAT 1300 or College Math, Contemporary Math, or Statistics –
(MAT 125 with MAT 120 or MAT 126 at Mercer CCCC) - 3 credits

BIO 1140 or BIO 1200 - Applied Anatomy and Physiology or Human Biology –
(BIO 106 at Mercer CCCC) - 4 credits

William Paterson University students must also complete the foreign language requirement by either taking two courses in the same non-English language, or by placing out of the requirement by taking a foreign language proficiency exam.

Psychology Major Required Courses - 38 credits

PSY 2020	Experimental Psychology I: Applied Statistics	4
PSY 2030	Experimental Psychology II: Laboratory	4
PSY 2100	Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 2200	Social Psychology	3
PSY 2300	History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSY 3500 or 3510	Theories of Personality or Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 3530	Physiological Psychology	3
PSY 3540 or 3750	Learning or Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY 4800	Seminar in Psychology	3
Any PSY	Three electives within Psychology	9

Faculty Contact Information for Psychology Majors:

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Academic Minors in Degree Programs

The following minors are available in the WP at Mercer degree programs:

- English
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology (totally online, but one traditional course is offered during the semester at Mercer)

Minors are available to all students at WP at Mercer with a caveat for Liberal Studies majors (see point C below). All minors offered at WP at Mercer are 18 credits. Other important information about minors:

- A. Students can only transfer in up to half of the credits in the minor
- B. At least half of the credits for the minor must be taken at WPU
- C. Students cannot select a minor in the same discipline as one of their tracks for the Liberal Studies major (for example, a Liberal Studies English track student cannot minor in English)
- D. WP at Mercer students may request a minor by going onto their WP Connect account—under the student tab, look for Academic Services, then select Add/Declare or Change Minor.

ENGLISH MINOR

Prerequisite:

ENG 1500 Intro to Literature (waived for WP at Mercer students who have completed an AA/AS degree 2005 or later)

Requirements (18 Credits):

ENG 2000- Methods of Literary Analysis

One Survey course: ENG 3010, ENG 3020, ENG 3030, ENG 3040, ENG 3050, ENG 3060, ENG 3170, or ENG 3180

One Writing course: ENG 3300, ENG 2310, ENG 3000, ENG 3090, ENG 3240, ENG 3320 (pre-req ENG 2310), ENG 3330 (pre-req ENG 3300), ENG 3340 (pre-req ENG 2310 or ENG 3300), ENG 3380 (pre-req ENG 2310), ENG 3390 (pre-req ENG 2310), ENG 3430 (pre-req ENG 2310), or ENG 3550 (pre-req ENG 2310).

Three elective courses in writing or literature, however, one must be a literature course before 1900 (you can tell if an ENG course covers a period before 1900 by reading the course description at the English Dept. website or in the course catalog).

HISTORY MINOR

Requirements (18 credits):

HIST 2050- U.S. History through Reconstruction (3 credits)

HIST 2060- U.S. History Since Reconstruction (3 credits)

4 History Electives (12 credits):

- Up to two of them on the 2000 level
- At least two of them on the 3000 and 4000 levels

PSYCHOLOGY MINOR

Requirements (18 credits):

PSY 1100 General Psychology (Mercer equivalent- PSY 101)

Electives (15 credits):

Must be 5 additional Psychology courses by advisement

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINOR

Requirements (18 credits):

POL 1200 American Government and Politics (Mercer Equivalent- POL 101)

Electives (15 credits):

Must be Political Science Courses at the 2000-4000 level

SOCIOLOGY MINOR (fully online)

Requirements (18 credits):

SOC 1010 Principles of Sociology (Mercer equivalent- SOC 101)

Electives (15 credits):

Must be 5 additional Sociology courses by advisement

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Contact Information for William Paterson University at Mercer

For more information on the degrees offered by WP at Mercer, please visit our website: www.wpunj.edu/mercer

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