

ONLINE • APU GLOBAL

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Prepare to teach K–8 or to enter graduate study in education.

CREDITS TO GRADUATE

120

PER CREDIT

\$535

COURSE LENGTH

8 weeks

FORMAT

100% Online

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies (LIBS) program is an innovative alternative degree program designed to provide subject matter preparation for prospective elementary school and special education teachers. The program offers a major in liberal studies. It accommodates experienced adult students, many of whom are working in classrooms as para-educators, and draws upon their rich experiences in school settings.

Many adult students have developed skills or expertise at the workplace, at home, or in other venues. Some of those experiences may translate into prior learning credit (PLA). A maximum of 30 credits may be earned through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Build content fluency across K–8 subject areas
- Apply learning science in real classrooms
- Understand assessment and differentiated instruction

AT A GLANCE

Core	31 credits
Major Requirements	42 credits
Electives	47 credits
Total credits to graduate	120
Cost per credit	\$535
Area of study	Education
Transfer credit	Up to 90 credits

NEXT START DATES

September 8, 2026 apply by August 22

November 2, 2026 apply by October 18

8-week courses

Transfer-friendly or 27

CTC-aligned

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Core

31 credits

The APU Global Core comprises the General Education requirements and the APU Global Distinctives. General Education requirements may be met by transfer work. Some Core courses also satisfy program requisite or major requirements, so the Core credits counted toward this degree may be fewer than the sum of the courses listed here.

GENERAL EDUCATION: ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

COMM 105	Public Communication	3
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ENGL 105	Introduction to Academic Research and Writing	3
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GENERAL EDUCATION: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

ARTS 110	Introduction to Art	3
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GENERAL EDUCATION: HUMANITIES

ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3
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GENERAL EDUCATION: QUANTITATIVE REASONING

MATH 125	College Algebra	3
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GENERAL EDUCATION: BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

ECON 203	Principles of Microeconomics	3
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or PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	—
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GENERAL EDUCATION: SOCIAL SCIENCES

HIST 202	World Civilizations	3
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GENERAL EDUCATION: PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

BIOL 105	General Biology/Lab	4
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or BIOL 230	Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab	—
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or CHEM 115	Chemistry for Health Sciences/Lab	—
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or NSCI 150	Introduction to Astronomy/Lab	—
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APU GLOBAL DISTINCTIVES

BIBL 100	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus/Deuteronomy	3
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BIBL 230	Introduction to Biblical Literature: Luke/Acts	3
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ISTU 101	Success in the University	3
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Major Requirements

42 credits

Courses you take at APU Global for this program.

ARTS 400	Visual Arts for the Elementary Teacher	3
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ARTS 410	Performing Arts for the Elementary Teacher	3
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EDUC 300	Introduction to Elementary Education	3
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EDUC 310	Human Growth and Development for Educators	3
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EDUC 410	P.E., Health, and Safety for Elementary Teachers	3
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ENGL 420	Principles of Language	3
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ENGL 450	Children's Literature	3
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HIST 202	World Civilizations	3
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HIST 420	United States History and the Constitution	3
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HIST 440	California History	3
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MATH 301	Math for the Elementary Teacher I	3
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WHAT YOU'LL STUDY (CONTINUED)

Major Requirements (cont.)	MATH 302	Math for the Elementary Teacher II	3
	NSCI 301	Life Science	3
	NSCI 325	Physical, Earth, and Space Sciences	3
Electives 47 credits	Students may choose from any course in the catalog. If students wish to complete a concentration, they may complete a maximum of two concentrations. Students may also earn up to 30 credits of electives via Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).		

TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE	120
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No application fee Apply free, any time.	No essay or entrance exam Transcripts and a short form.	Transfer up to 90 credits Prior college work and PLA credit.
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WHERE THIS LEADS		OUTCOMES DATA	
Curriculum Designer	\$74,620	MEDIAN SALARY \$64,000	PROJECTED GROWTH +4%
School Administrator	\$103,460		
Instructional Coach	\$68,000		
Higher Ed Program Coordinator	\$70,000		
U.S. BLS, Education Administrators, 2022–2032 projection			

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ONE MISSION. TWO WAYS TO STUDY.

Christ-centered education, built for working adults — 100% online, eight-week courses.

READY TO START? APPLYING IS FREE.

No application fee, no essay, no entrance exam. Talk with an enrollment counselor about transfer credit.

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