

Eugene Lang College

The New School For Liberal Arts

Liberal Arts Major

The idea of a liberal arts education implies a commitment to a course of study that involves self-enlightenment, self-cultivation, and the honing of one's critical faculties. The Liberal Arts Major is a path of study that puts this commitment into practice. Students majoring in Liberal Arts bring together themes, methods, and questions that are available across the Lang curriculum in a self-reflexive and challenging intellectual project.

Students interested in building a self-designed, self-reflexive program of study around particular themes or areas of inquiry may do so by completing a proposal for a path of study. The proposal must indicate the theme(s) or subjects they intend to study, an intellectual rationale for the proposed course of study, the probable selection of courses they will complete, and a detailed narrative of how the courses build upon the chosen theme(s). The path statement must be approved by the Chair of Liberal Arts no later than the first semester of the junior year. Junior transfer students must have path statements approved during their first semester in residence. Students are strongly advised to consult with the Chair of Liberal Arts before submitting the proposal for a path of study in Liberal Arts.

A minimum of TWELVE courses plus a senior capstone is required. Additional courses beyond the minimum thirteen are strongly encouraged. A minimum grade of C is required for all courses offered for completion of the major. Students are responsible for reading course descriptions when choosing classes for their self-designed major. If they choose a class that requires permission due to pre-requisites and/or is a course from another college within The New School such as Parsons, College of Performing Arts, or any of the graduate programs, they must seek permission via the proper procedures. Requesting permission is not a guarantee of being granted permission."

In addition to the requirements outlined above, Lang has specific general requirements, including a minimum number of credits in liberal arts courses as well as college residency requirements. All students should read the general Degree Requirements and consult with an advisor each semester to ensure they are on track to graduate

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Proposal: Path of Study for the Liberal Arts Major

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Year _____ Semester: _____

New School ID#: _____

New School E-mail Address: _____

Title of Proposed Path of Study: _____

Name of Faculty Advisor in the Major: _____

Faculty Advisor Contact Information:

E-mail Address: _____

Office Phone: _____

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Proposal: Path of Study for the Liberal Arts Major

Answer the following questions (on separate sheets):

1. Preliminary Questions: *Please answer the following questions, which are intended to clarify your reasons for choosing the Liberal Arts Major.*

- A. What are you interested in studying?
- B. What are the intellectual and/or personal reasons for choosing this path of study?
- C. Which faculty members are most relevant to your path of study?

2. Description: *Attach a detailed description of your path of study. Your description should discuss the following points: (1) the rationale for the path of study; (2) why are you unable to complete your path of study within an existing major?*

3. Curriculum: Provide a list of courses that support your path of study.

Past Courses (Be as specific as possible: include Course numbers, titles, the name of the Instructor, and the Semester when you took the course):

Future Courses (Be as specific as possible: include Course numbers, titles, and the semester when you plan to take the course):

Faculty Letter: *Your proposed Faculty Advisor must submit a letter to the Chair of Liberal Arts assessing the feasibility of your proposed path of study. (Please request this letter **after** discussing your plan to pursue the Liberal Arts Major and your proposed path of study with your potential Faculty Advisor). Letters should be sent via email to the Chair of Liberal Arts.*