

Liberal Studies

New Developments & FAQs

Have questions about Assembly Bill 130? Check out our Q&A below!

Q: What is Assembly Bill 130 and why does it matter?

A: According to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), AB 130 introduces the “Availability of New Options to Meet the Subject Matter and the Basic Skills Requirements.” It is a bill that was signed into law by Governor Newsom in July 2021.

Q: What are the new options?

A: *Previously* (before July 2021), to meet the **Subject Matter Requirement**, you would be required to either receive a passing score on **CSET** or complete a **Commission-approved** subject matter waiver program.

Now, AB 130 expands the available options to allow candidates to meet the Subject Matter Requirement for Multiple (and also Single) Subject Credentials. The [CTC website](#) last updated on June 1, 2022 states that:

*(Provision 3d): For Multiple Subject credentials, the major must be **in liberal studies or an interdisciplinary major that includes coursework in the content areas identified in subdivision (b) of California Education Code section 44282.***

Q: What “content areas” are identified in “subdivision (b) of California Code Section 44282”?

A: The Code Lists the following *general* academic areas:

1. language studies
2. literature
3. mathematics
4. science
5. social studies
6. history
7. the arts
8. physical education
9. human development

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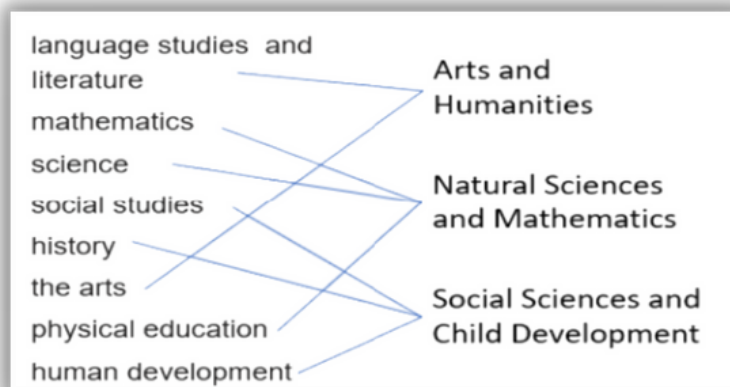
Q: Does the new BA in Liberal Studies comply with the content areas referenced by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) as noted above?

A: Two answers -- and both are Yes!

a. Yes, the new CSUSB BA in Liberal Studies is precisely such an “interdisciplinary degree.” In this program, you will find required coursework in every one of these areas, although they are organized differently, i.e., *under four board categories: Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Social Sciences and Child Development, and Program Requirements.* Please see the chart below.

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b. Yes, because the degree is “**in Liberal Studies**” (see provision **3d** on the first page).

As of now, even more recently, two new degrees have been proposed by the CTC to be added to the list of the above acceptable degrees: **1) Liberal Arts** and **2) Elementary Education**. See this **CTC Coded Correspondence** document from **April 3, 2023** (scroll down to [Item \(c\) on pg. 4](#)).

Still have questions? Check out these additional resources!

See how [CSU Northridge](#) explains AB 130 in an easy to understand and comprehensive way.

[Watch a webinar given by the CTC](#) regarding AB 130, and scroll through these accompanying [PowerPoint slides](#).