

The 2023-24 Liberal Studies Program Structure

A General Overview

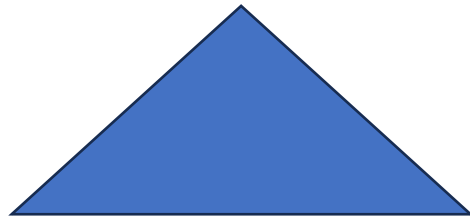
The 2020-2023 Curriculum

Liberal Studies (116-145)

Basic + Concentration

Basic Program

(104-115)



A B C D E F G H I

Concentration

(12-30)

General
(12-21)

Spanish Studies
(13)

Integrated
(30)



29 Specialties

The 2023 (new) Curriculum

Liberal Studies (78-96)

Core + Concentration

Core

(66)

ABCD

Concentration

(12-30)

Precredential-General

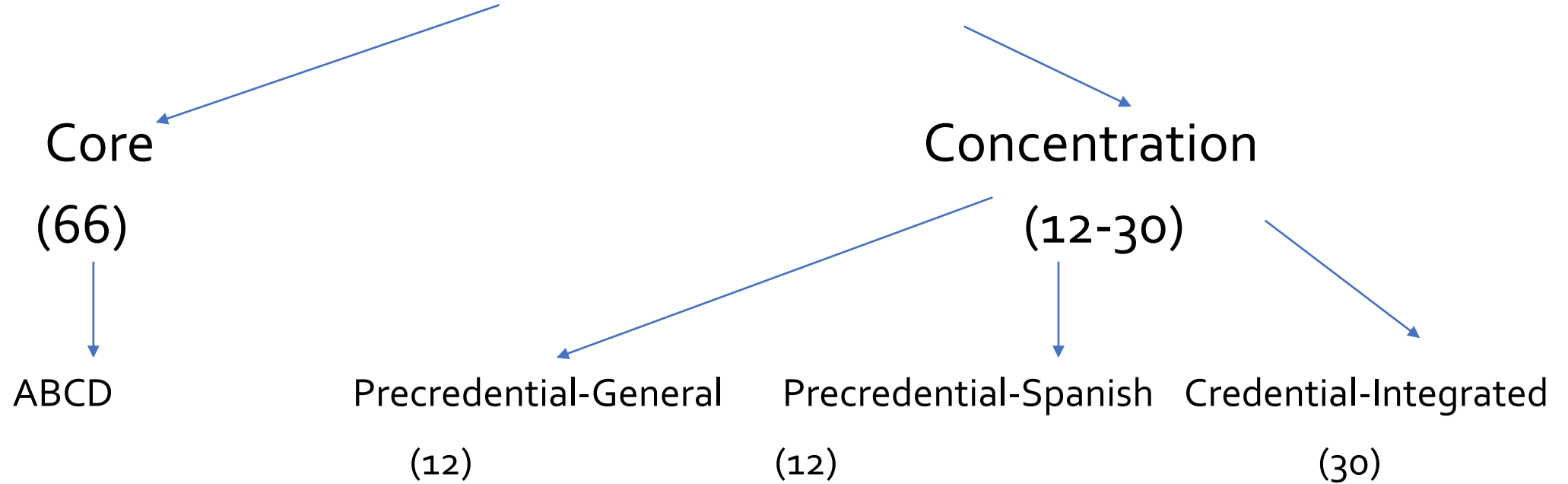
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Precredential-Spanish

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Credential-Integrated

(30)



General/Structural Differences

1. GE and Liberal Studies units are separate in the new curriculum: 49 (GE) + 78-96 (Liberal Studies) + 3 (American Institutions). A few overlaps between GE courses and the core of the major.
2. Basic Program in the 2020 curriculum had 9 categories of courses and the core program in the new curriculum has 4 (+1). How did that happen?

9 Categories in the 2020 Curriculum	5 Categories in the 2023 Curriculum
<p>A. Reading, Language, and Literature</p> <p>B. History and Social Science</p> <p>C. Mathematics;</p> <p>D. Science</p> <p>E. Physical Education and Health</p> <p>F. Visual and Performing Arts</p> <p>G. Human Development</p> <p>H. Additional GE Requirements</p> <p>I. Additional Liberal Studies Requirements</p>	<p>A. Arts and Humanities (College of Arts and Letters) 15 units</p> <p>B. Social Sciences and Child Development (College of Social and Behavioral Sciences) 18-21 units</p> <p>C. Natural Sciences and Mathematics (College of Natural Sciences) 23-26 units</p> <p>D. GE Requirements, which are taken separately, following campus-wide requirements. 49 units</p> <p>E. Program Requirements: *CAL 2970, *3970, 5900, EDMS 2301. 10 units</p>

*Two quick notes:

- 2970 is now **3 units**
- **3970 Gateway to Liberal Studies** is a new class. Here is a brief description of the course:

Interdisciplinarity in a diverse K-8 classroom. Disciplinary and theoretical preparation for learning and teaching in California's elementary schools. Overview of the required multiple subjects and interdisciplinary knowledge. Discussion of theories and their corresponding pedagogies in light of a student body with different learning abilities and from a multiplicity of ethnic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds.

3. The old curriculum involved 29 specialties under the General concentration. The new curriculum involves 12 units of electives for students to design their own course of study, in consultation with their advisors.

Note that

- the 12 elective units need to be selected from the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Natural Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, and
- at least 3 units must be upper division