DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The Department of Liberal Studies at Texas A&M at Galveston offers several unique interdisciplinary undergraduate degrees:

1. **Bachelor of Arts in Maritime Studies**  
   The past and present relationships between humans and the sea; nautical archaeology, cultural anthropology, world politics, maritime history, maritime literature, tall ship sail training, museum studies, tourism, domestic and international public service, environmental concerns

2. **Bachelor of Science in University Studies; concentration in Tourism and Coastal Community Development**  
   Sociology, tourism

3. **Bachelor of Science in University Studies; concentration in Marine Environmental Law and Policy**  
   Law and business

The mission of the Department of Liberal Studies is to provide a robust intellectual foundation for students pursuing occupational and leadership roles in areas such as government, communication, business, non-governmental organizations, public policy, tourism policy, journalism and public relations, archaeology and anthropology, museums and archives, professional diving, and preparation for graduate studies and law school.

Liberal Studies students participate in a variety of state and national programs such as the Model United Nations, Student Conference on National Affairs, and the Bush School Public Service Institute. They are encouraged to avail themselves of the international educational opportunities available through courses offered in the Texas A&M University Education Abroad Programs Office (http://abroad.tamu.edu/).

With faculty maintaining research agendas in a variety of disciplines including politics, history, mass media and communication, English, popular culture, archeology, philosophy, museum studies, anthropology, genocide studies, African-American studies, and mathematics, Liberal Studies builds within students enhanced critical thinking and strong communication skills, while emphasizing the critical nature of multicultural thinking and collaboration in a global economy.

The Department of Liberal Studies provides the skills necessary for students to:

- Lead others through critical thinking, multi-dimensional problem solving, and issue advocacy;
- Be competitive in a multicultural world increasingly interested in college graduates with interdisciplinary backgrounds;
- Inform public policy creation and decision-making from both the governmental and business perspectives;
- Earn internships in areas such as politics, law and legal affairs, communication, for-profit and non-profit organizations, artifact conservation and museum management;
- Prepare for graduate school and law school opportunities;
- Understand the inalienable connections between liberal education, freedom, and democracy.

Faculty

- **Ballingall, Timothy**, Instructional Assistant Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, Texas Christian University, 2021

- **Caton, Amy**, Instructional Associate Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  MLS, University of North Texas, 2012

- **Domsky, Darren K**, Associate Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, York University, 2006

- **Earle, Thomas**, Assistant Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, Rice University, 2017

- **Echols, Katherine E**, Instructional Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, University of Houston, 2015

- **Falvo, Kathryn**, Assistant Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, Texas A&M University, 2015

- **Galvan Mandujano, Martha C**, Lecturer  
  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, The University of Oklahoma, 2015

- **Haney, Adam D**, Instructional Associate Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  MA, Texas A&M University Commerce, 2014

- **Josvoll, Kristin K**, Instructional Associate Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  MA, Johns Hopkins University, 2015

- **Kates-Hammond, Cindy**, Lecturer  
  Liberal Studies  
  EDD, University of South Dakota, 2000  
  MMU, University of South Dakota, 1995

- **Kress, Lisa M**, Lecturer  
  Liberal Studies  
  MFA, University of Houston, 2001

- **Lamphere, Jenna A**, Assistant Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, University of Tennessee Knoxville, 2016

- **Ledford, Christopher E**, Instructional Assistant Professor  
  Liberal Studies  
  MS, Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi, 2003

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  Liberal Studies  
  PHD, University of North Texas, 1993
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MA, Houston Baptist University, 2002

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MA, University of North Texas, 2005

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MED, Lamar University, 2018

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Liberal Studies
PHD, Florida State University, 2010

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Liberal Studies
PHD, Indiana University Bloomington, 2021

Pintacuda, Jesse Catherine, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
BS, Texas A&M University at Galveston, 2008

Presswood, Phillip H, Instructional Assistant Professor
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MA, University of Houston at Clear Lake, 2011

Ryan, James G, Professor
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PHD, University of Notre Dame, 1981

Slatton, Katie J, Instructional Associate Professor
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MED, University of Montevallo, 2003

Traber, Daniel S, Professor
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PHD, University of Houston, 2000

Viser, Victor J, Instructional Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Temple University, 1995

White, Laura G, Instructional Associate Professor
Liberal Studies
MS, University of Bradford, UK, 2011

Williams, Sara S, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
BS, Texas A&M University, 2000

Majors

• Bachelor of Arts in Maritime Studies (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-ba/)
• Bachelor of Science in University Studies, Marine Environmental Law and Policy Concentration (https://currcatalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/marine-environmental-law-policy-university-studies-bs/)

Minors

• Diving Technology and Methods Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/diving-technology-methods-minor/)
• Maritime Environmental Law and Policy Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-environmental-law-policy-minor/)
• Maritime Studies Minor (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-minor/)