DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL STUDIES

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

1. Bachelor of Arts: 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 Arts or Bachelor of Science: University Studies; concentration in Tourism and Coastal Community Development Sociology, tourism

3. Bachelor of Science: University Studies; concentration in Maritime Public Policy and Communication Communication, public policy

4. Bachelor of Science: 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

Abbey, Ian Issara, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2017

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Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 2008

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Liberal Studies
MA, University of Houston Clear Lake, 2009

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Liberal Studies
PHD, University of Houston, 1976

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Liberal Studies
JD, Northwestern University School of Law, 1993

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Liberal Studies
PHD, Rice University, 1974

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PHD, University of Southern California, 2007

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MA, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2014

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MMR, Texas A&M University, 2010
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EDD, University of South Dakota, 2000

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PHD, University of Tennessee Knoxville, 2016

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MS, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, 2003

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PHD, University of North Texas, 1993

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PHD, University of Notre Dame, 1981

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PHD, Bilkent University, Turkey, 2013

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Liberal Studies
MED, University of Montevallo, 2003

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MA, University of Houston, 1988

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PHD, University of Houston, 2000

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

Wallace, David Shane, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
PHD, Louisiana State University, 2011

White, Laura G, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
MS, University of Bradford, UK, 2011

Willett, Donald E, Professor
Liberal Studies
PHD, Texas A&M University, 1985

Williams, Sara S, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
CERT, National Association of Underwater Instructors, 2004

Wood, Gregory M, Lecturer
Liberal Studies
BS, Texas A&M University, 2003

### Majors

- Bachelor of Arts in Maritime Studies ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-ba](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-ba))
- Bachelor of Science in University Studies, concentration in Marine Environmental Law and Policy ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/marine-environmental-law-policy-university-studies-bs](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/marine-environmental-law-policy-university-studies-bs))
- Bachelor of Science in University Studies, concentration in Maritime Public Policy and Communication ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-public-policy-communication-university-studies-bs](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-public-policy-communication-university-studies-bs))
- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in University Studies, concentration in Tourism and Coastal Community Development ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/tourism-coastal-community-development-university-studies-bs](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/tourism-coastal-community-development-university-studies-bs))

### Minors

- Diving Technology and Methods Minor ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/diving-technology-methods-minor](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/diving-technology-methods-minor))
- Maritime Studies Minor ([http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-minor](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/galveston/liberal-studies/maritime-studies-minor))