

SDSU School of Communication

Liberal or Applied??

Choosing liberal or applied can influence your career choices. The liberal emphasis is a focus on foreign language. Ask yourself if your career path will benefit from knowing another language? For instance, if you end up in non-profit work knowing another language could be an enormous benefit. The applied emphasis is on math and/or statistics. Many careers in Business and Marketing rely heavily on data analysis. The ability to generate statistical reports on products and initiatives can influence your career. The choice is yours to decide what is the best fit for you and your potential career path.

Liberal Arts & Sciences

Selecting a BA in Liberal Arts means meeting the foreign language requirement. This requirement can be met in the following ways:

1. Successfully completing the third college semester in a language other than English.
2. Successfully completing the fourth-year level of high school courses in a language other than English.
3. Successfully completing a third-semester equivalent proficiency examination in a language other than English.
4. Graduating from high school in a non-English speaking country.
5. Passing with a score of 3 or higher on the AP examination in Chinese, French, German, Italian, or Spanish. A score of 4 or higher in Japanese and a score of 5 or higher in Latin.

Courses offered at SDSU which satisfy the language requirement are:

Arabic: 101, 102, 201, or 202

Chinese: 101, 102, 201

Classics: 101G, 202G, and 303G (Greek)

Classics: 101L, 202L, and 303L (Latin)

Dual Language and English Learner Education: 101, 102, And 201

Filipino: 101, 102, and 201

French: 100A, 100B, and 200 or 210 or 221

German: 100A, 100B, and 205A or 205B

Hebrew: 101, 102, and 202 and 201

Italian: 100A, 100B, and 201 or 211, or 212

Japanese: 111, 112, and 211

Korean: 101, 102, and 201

Latin American Studies: 110, 111, and 210

Persian: 101, 102, and 201 or 202

Portuguese: 101, 102 or 110, and 203

Russian: 100A, 100B, and 200A

Spanish: 101, 102, and 201 or 202 or 281, or 282

Applied Arts & Sciences

(3 semesters of approved college mathematics or a pre-approved 3-course *statistics sequence* (one lower division course and two upper division courses) for those choosing the Applied Arts and Sciences degree).

You may not use Credit/No Credit grades and a grade of C- or better is required for the course used in the Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning section of General Education.

Mathematics Competency Requirement for Communication Majors in Applied Arts and Sciences) can be met through the following courses:

Administration, Rehabilitation and Postsecondary Education 201: Introductory Statistics and Research Design for Education (3)*

Biology 215: Biostatistics (3)*

Computer Science 100: Computational Thinking (3)

Economics 201: Statistical Methods (3)*

General Studies 147: Data Literacy: Human Choices Behind the Numbers (3)

Geography 104: Geographic Information Science and Spatial Reasoning (3)

Linguistics 270: Elementary Statistics for Language Studies (3)*

Mathematics 110: Mathematics for Life (3)

Mathematics 118: Topics in Mathematics (3)

Mathematics 120: Calculus for Business Analysis (3)

Mathematics 124: Calculus for the Life Sciences (4)

Mathematics 140: College Algebra (3)

Mathematics 141: Precalculus (3)

Mathematics 150: Calculus I (4)

Mathematics 151: Calculus II (4)

Mathematics 210: Number Systems in Elementary Mathematics (3)

Mathematics 211: Geometry in Elementary Mathematics (3)

Mathematics 245: Discrete Mathematics (3)

Mathematics 252: Calculus III (4)

Mathematics 254: Introduction to Linear Algebra (3)

Philosophy 120: Introduction to Logic (3)

Political Science 201: Elementary Statistics for Political Science (3)*

Psychology 280: Statistical Methods in Psychology (4)*

Public Health 250: Infections and Epidemics (3)

Sociology 201: Elementary Social Statistics (3)*

Statistics 119: Elementary Statistics for Business (3)*

Statistics 250: Statistical Principles and Practices (3)*

*Please see SDSU catalog and course descriptions for unit limitations.