



2015-2016 PETITION/PROGRAM SHEET
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Major: Liberal Arts – Non-Education Option

About This Major . . .

While Colorado Mesa University provides a wide range of programs, the college may not offer a standard bachelor’s degree program that serves a student’s particular need. A liberal arts degree, however, is designed to offer a student the opportunity to craft a plan of study to suit his/her individual career and academic aspirations. Under the direction of an advisor, a liberal arts major will design a coherent program by choosing appropriate courses that focus on a very specific field of study.

For more information on what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/whatmajor.html>.

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Evaluate the interconnections of knowledge within and across at least two major disciplines;
2. Synthesize insights, content, and/or methodologies of two or more major disciplines
3. Develop solutions to specific problems by drawing from several relevant fields of study
4. Effectively defend conclusions in verbal and written presentations

NAME: _____ **STUDENT ID #** _____

LOCAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: _____
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I, (Signature) _____, hereby certify that I have completed (or will complete) all the courses listed on the Program Sheet. I have read and understand the policies listed on the last page of this program sheet. I further certify that the grade listed for those courses is the final course grade received except for the courses in which I am currently enrolled and the courses which I complete next semester. I have indicated the semester in which I will complete these courses.

 Signature of Advisor Date _____ 20____

 Signature of Department Head Date _____ 20____

 Signature of Registrar Date _____ 20____

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- 120 semester hours total (Students must complete a minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours of credit at CMU, with at least 15 semester hours in major discipline courses numbered 300 or higher).
- 40 upper division credits (A minimum of 15 taken at the 300-400 course levels within the major at CMU).
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework toward the major content area
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- When filling out the program sheet a course can be used only once.
- A student must follow the CMU graduation requirements either from 1) the program sheet for the major in effect at the time the student officially declares a major; or 2) a program sheet for the major approved for a year subsequent to the year during which the student officially declares the major and is approved for the student by the department head. Because a program may have requirements specific to the degree, the student should check with the faculty advisor for additional criteria. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of, and follow, all requirements for the degree being pursued. Any exceptions or substitutions must be approved by the student's faculty advisor and Department Head.
- Essential Learning Capstone should be completed between 45 and 75 hours.
- See the "Undergraduate Graduation Requirements" in the catalog for additional graduation information.

ESSENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENTS (31 semester hours):
 See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

Course No	Title	Sem.hrs	Grade	Term/Trns
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English (6 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)
 ENGL 111 English Composition 3 _____
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Math MATH 110 or higher (3 semester hours, must receive a grade of "C" or better, must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.)
 MATH 1 _____

Humanities (3 semester hours)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 semester hours)

Natural Sciences (7 semester hours, one course must include a lab)

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History (3 semester hours)
 HIST _____

Fine Arts (3 semester hours)

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WELLNESS REQUIREMENT (2 semester hours)
 KINE 100 Health and Wellness 1 _____
 KINA 1 _____ 1 _____

ESSENTIAL LEARNING CAPSTONE (4 semester hours)
 ESSL 290 Maverick Milestone (see English & math pre-reqs) 3 _____
 ESSL 200 Essential Speech (co-requisite) 1 _____

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (6 semester hours) Two consecutive classes in the same foreign language. Must receive a grade of "C" or better. FLAS 114 & 115 will NOT fulfill this requirement.
 FLA _____
 FLA _____

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Interdisciplinary Core (15-24 semester hours) Capstone Thesis (3 semester hours) plus 12-21 lower division hours in content areas chosen below.

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Content Area (33-42 semester hours) See Special Requirements. Must be upper division hours chosen from two or three disciplines.

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Electives (All college-level courses appearing on your final transcript, **not listed above** that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours.) (12-30 semester hours; additional upper division hours may be needed.)

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Liberal Arts – Non-Education Option Major Requirements
Special Requirements for non-Education candidates

Declaration of major: A student cannot declare a liberal arts major until he or she has completed 60 semester hours of college-level work. The final thirty hours must be completed after the declaration of the liberal arts major and approval of the program of study. To be accepted as a liberal arts major, a student must prepare a proposal for his or her course of study which explains (1) the reason that no other CMU major serves his or her needs and (2) the focus and purpose of the designed program of study. The student must also present a transcript of completed classes with the proposal. The proposal will be submitted to the department head, who will appoint three faculty members to the liberal arts committee to approve, disapprove, or modify the proposal. The committee will then choose a faculty advisor for the student. This advisor will then monitor the student’s progress through the plan for the degree program and will also supervise the student’s capstone thesis project. The thesis will be read and evaluated by the advisor and at least one other faculty member appointed by the liberal arts committee.

POLICIES:

1. Please see the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.
2. This program sheet must be submitted with your graduation planning sheet to your advisor during the **semester prior to the semester of graduation, no later than October 1 for spring graduates, no later than March 1 for fall graduates.** You must turn in your “Intent to Graduate” form to the Registrar’s Office **by September 15 if you plan to graduate the following May, and by February 15 if you plan to graduate the following December.**
3. Your advisor will sign and forward the Program Sheet and Graduation Planning Sheet to the Department Head for signature. Finally, the Department Head will submit the signed forms to the Registrar’s Office. (Students cannot handle the forms once the advisor signs.)
4. If your petition for graduation is denied, it will be your responsibility to reapply for graduation in a subsequent semester. Your “Intent to Graduate” does not automatically move to a later graduation date.
5. NOTE: During your senior year, you will be required to take a capstone exit assessment/project (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test).