

University of Hartford

Hillyer College Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies (AA)

Concentrations

All Hillyer College students are designated “Liberal Studies Majors”. To enhance your program of study, you may choose to join a concentration giving you a designation such as: Liberal Studies Major: American Studies Concentration. Students who do not join a concentration remain a Liberal Studies Major. Concentrations provide for a thematic focused study through four or five interrelated courses that enable you to delve deeper into a subject area. You might also choose a Concentration to begin early preparation for a specific academic area. Concentration courses are available to you each semester. The description of each concentration is attached and is also available on the Hillyer College website. The concentrations are:

- American Studies
- Business Studies
- Education Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Global Studies
- Science & Health Science Studies

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AMERICAN STUDIES

The purpose of the Hillyer College American Studies concentration is to afford students a multidisciplinary discovery of the American experience.

The program provides students with an understanding of the literary, political, historical, and cultural foundations of American identity. Students who complete the American Studies concentration will have the skills and knowledge necessary to advance their studies in a liberal arts major leading to a Bachelors degree.

Students choose from a rich variety of required and elective courses in history, literature, government, and sociology that include subjects as varied as American Environmental Literature, African American Literature, the American Judicial System, and Urban Politics.

An American Studies concentration is especially appropriate for students interested in further academic study and possible careers in the areas of history, literature, law, government, politics, and the environment.

BUSINESS STUDIES

Students entering the Business Studies concentration at Hillyer College are interested in pursuing further studies in business at a Bachelor-of-Arts or Bachelor-of-Science degree level and future careers in business.

The Business Studies program provides students with courses that establish a foundation in and introduction to business careers through courses in accounting, economics, statistics, ethics, mathematics, and internship opportunities.

The Business Studies concentration is designed to allow Hillyer students to complete the concentration while optimizing their preparation for entrance into the Bachelor of Science degree program at the Barney School of Business. Providing a seamless transition between Hillyer College and the Barney School, the Hillyer College Business Studies program is aligned with the Barney School requirements and offers complementary courses.

EDUCATION STUDIES

The Hillyer College program in Education Studies is a two-year concentration providing students with the academic requirements needed to continue and complete the University of Hartford's Bachelors degree program in Education.

The Hillyer College Education Studies concentration works closely with the University's College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions to offer a complementary course of study during the student's freshman and sophomore years and a seamless transition into the ENHP major in Education.

With an emphasis on service learning and field work, the Education Studies program has a career-focused curriculum. As part of two introductory Education courses offered during their second and third semesters, students are required to spend 25 hours per semester at a service learning site. These sites may include the two University-affiliated public schools located on campus, and the many cooperating public schools in the greater Hartford area. A goal of the Education Studies concentration is to have students pass the national Praxis I exam during their third semester.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The goal of the Hillyer College Environmental Studies concentration is to offer students an interdisciplinary approach to the areas of ecology, current and historical environmental issues, and the interrelationships between the natural and social world.

The Hillyer College Environmental Studies program brings together courses in the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities to provide students with the critical thinking

necessary to make environmentally conscious decisions as citizens and to potentially pursue further studies or careers related to environmental issues.

A number of courses in the Environmental Studies concentration emphasize field work and research with students conducting special projects on Hartford-area rivers and watersheds. Each year, the Environmental Studies program also offers a special topics course bringing in-depth focus and potential field work to a particular subject area such as tropical ecology.

GLOBAL STUDIES

The Hillyer College Global Studies concentration is designed to prepare students to navigate and understand their place in a world of ever- accelerating global exchange. The Global Studies program grounds students in the history and theory of globalization. The concentration is a unique forum in which students grapple with the multi-faceted complexities of globalization from economic, political, cultural, and sociological perspectives.

The Global Studies concentration emphasizes academic preparedness for transfer to the College of Arts and Sciences or the Barney School of Business and readies students for majors in the liberal arts, international studies, communications, or business. Today, a global perspective is invaluable as an academic focus and for success in business and professional careers. An integral part of this program includes the opportunity for faculty-led international travel. To enhance a worldwide viewpoint for its students, the Global Studies program offers a wealth of courses in non-Western cultures including over twenty courses such as: Literature Across Cultures, Global Pop Music, Atlantic History, Cultural Anthropology, Modern African History, and Politics of the Third World.

SCIENCE AND HEALTH SCIENCE CONCENTRATION

Hillyer College offers a Science and Health Sciences Concentration providing students with the foundation of scientific and mathematical knowledge to successfully pursue the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in a variety of science and health-related disciplines. Students selecting the Science and Health Science Studies program often aspire to major in pre-medicine, physical therapy, pre-dentistry, and other health sciences.

In addition to required courses in biology and math, students choosing this concentration take a number of required and elective liberal arts courses to better prepare themselves for academic proficiency in their four-year liberal arts degree. To help students transfer into baccalaureate-level program, the Science and Health Science Concentration is closely aligned with the University of Hartford's College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education, Nursing, and Health Professions.