

Faculty of

**CULTURE AND THE  
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

**HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**



## **BA (HONS) LIBERAL ARTS**

**UCAS: LV99**

**TAUGHT BY RESEARCH-ACTIVE STAFF INCLUDING TWO NATIONAL TEACHING FELLOWS.**

**STUDENTS ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO OUR NATIONALLY REGARDED INSTITUTE FOR BLACK ATLANTIC RESEARCH (IBAR) WHICH LEADS RESEARCH INTO THE STUDY OF THE HISTORIES, CULTURES AND LITERATURES OF THE SLAVE TRADE, ITS LEGACIES AND IMPORTANCE IN THE REGION, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.**

Liberal Arts is firmly established in the US and an increasingly popular choice at British universities. Students select from a wide range of Humanities and Social Science options (including literature and cultural studies, history, sociology, film and media studies, linguistics, politics and philosophy) and tailor their studies to their own interests and academic strengths. The course permits some specialisation (students may concentrate in one subject for up to 50% of their studies), but it does not require specialisation (studies will be made up from up to six different disciplines).

This programme provides a supportive, rigorous and intellectually stimulating learning environment which is designed to enable students to become effective, responsive, informed and innovative critical thinkers and planners. The course provides opportunities for the critical evaluation of influential ideas, discourses, institutions and decision-making processes in a multidisciplinary and comparative academic context.

Students will also have the opportunity to:

- Study a modern European language at beginner, intermediate and advanced level.
- Add a year abroad, for additional breadth and experience.
- Develop professional skills and work experience through modules from our Centre for Volunteering and Community Leadership, with accreditation from the Institute of Leadership and Management.

## COURSE CONTENT

On this programme, students can select modules that fit their own interests and play to their academic strengths from six of the numerous Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines, including Creative Writing, English Language, English Literature, Film, Media and Popular Culture, History, Politics, Philosophy, Religion, Culture and Society and Sociology. Students can also take a modern foreign language as part of their programme, or study a certificate alongside the main Liberal Arts programme.

To ensure studies are fully integrated, students will take one compulsory module in each year of study:

- Year 1 Introduction to Liberal Arts
- Year 2 Extended Essay
- Year 3 Personal Development and employability (work-based learning)

From there, the choice is up to the individual student.

## FACILITIES

Course facilities include well equipped classrooms and extensive Blackboard (Virtual Learning Environment) resources. Teaching is supplemented with guest speakers and students are encouraged to participate fully in group and project work. The UCLan Library provides comfortable, flexible study spaces and offers a wealth of excellent learning resources, extensive collections of information sources and expert help and support from Library staff.

Students taking modules in English Literature benefit from access to our "Live Literature" room.

Students taking modules in English Language and Linguistics benefit from access to our Linguistics Lab.

## EMPLOYABILITY

The study of Liberal Arts confers a number of employability benefits. As with many disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, the course is not directly vocational and offers flexibility that more vocational programmes cannot match. Learning how to learn, and learning to look beyond the immediate means/ends decision-making that is tied to established operational, technological and managerial contexts, are among the most vital features of degree-level study. As many employers are increasingly realising, the study of Liberal Arts develops precisely these abilities.

During final year, students take a module with a work placement experience, enabling them to reflect strategically on their employability strengths and areas for development. Students can also build work experience into their studies by taking Institute of Leadership and Management accredited modules via our Centre for Volunteering and Community Leadership. These modules offer placements with a wide range of community groups and voluntary organisations in areas such as music and the arts, environment and conservation, crime prevention, health and social welfare, sports, youth work, culture and heritage, digital technologies, PR and fundraising.

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