Offered entirely online

As a fully-accredited degree completion program, the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) program allows you to finish your degree from anywhere. You’ll have the opportunity to tailor your degree to fit your individual needs and career goals. An advisor will be available every step of the way, answering questions and assisting with course selection and academic planning.

Program features

- **Structured as a convenient, flexible alternative** to the traditional path to a bachelor’s degree
- **Highly customizable program of study** providing a wide range of course topics
- **Allows you to balance work and life** while earning a highly respected degree from a public university
- **Focuses on the skills and knowledge in high demand by employers**, such as critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and information literacy

“UNI allowed me to gain the confidence I needed in my own abilities to succeed educationally. I was able to take courses online, with professors that far exceeded my expectations!”

Gunnar Bucklin
BLS graduate

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Visit the [online.uni.edu/bls](http://online.uni.edu/bls) to complete an online interest form and receive additional information.

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Affordability
UNI strives to make undergraduate education an affordable investment.

Financial aid
Financial aid may be available for students who qualify, based on number of units per semester and financial need. Questions may be directed to the UNI Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.
319-273-2700 | fin-aid@uni.edu

Tuition & fees for 2022-23*
$338 per unit of undergraduate credit
$40 technology fee per course
$100 records and documents fee
(Charged at the time of graduation.)

*Tuition and fees may be adjusted by the Iowa Board of Regents.

Program requirements
✓ An Associate of Arts degree or 24 credits completed from an accredited institution is encouraged – UNI will accept up to 65 transferable units of credit
✓ 120 units of credit from all institutions, including 45 upper-level coursework credits from UNI or another four-year institution and 30 units of credit earned from UNI during junior and/or senior years
✓ Foreign language requirement; if not completed prior to joining, students will consult with their UNI advisor for options
✓ A cumulative 2.0 GPA or above

Distribution area requirements
With the professional studies major, you will graduate with a customized liberal arts degree through this unique, individualized program. Select three distribution areas in which to concentrate your coursework. A dedicated advisor is available to assist with course selection and academic planning.

To satisfy a distribution area, you must complete 12 units of credit with at least 6 units designated as upper-level.

Course delivery options
Guided Independent Study (GIS)
GIS delivers an effective, flexible alternative to traditional, semester-based courses. Enroll at any time, work at your own pace and take up to nine months to complete a web-based course.

Please note: GIS courses do not qualify students for financial aid at UNI. However, students enrolled at least half-time in semester-based coursework are eligible for federal financial aid. The aid received may apply toward their total bill, which may include charges for GIS courses.

Online semester-based courses
The University of Northern Iowa offers many semester-based courses at a distance. Complete your coursework without coming to campus. Visit online.uni.edu/bls for a list of courses that apply to this degree.

On-campus courses
If you are within commuting distance of UNI, you may wish to consider on-campus or hybrid courses to complete your degree. Contact your advisor for a current schedule.

Transfer courses
As long as you complete a minimum of 30 semester hours from UNI during your junior and/or senior years, you may be able to enroll in courses at a community college or another four-year institution.

Ranked #9 in 2021 as the “50 Best Online Bachelor’s in Liberal Arts Programs” by TheBestSchools.org
Ranked as a Most Affordable Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program (Midwest) for 2022 by LiberalArtsEDU.org

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