

# BACHELOR OF LIBERAL STUDIES



## PROGRAM FEATURES

- / **Personalized advising services** that support educational interests and career goals
- / Structured as a **convenient, flexible alternative** to the traditional path to a bachelor's degree
- / Designed for students interested in a **highly customizable program of study** and a wide range of course topics
- / Allows you to **balance work and life** while earning a highly respected degree from a public university
- / Provides graduates with the **skills and knowledge in high demand by employers**, such as critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and information literacy

## A flexible degree tailored to fit your individual needs and completed from wherever you are.

- / Three delivery options: **online, hybrid, or in-person**
- / Choose three distribution areas to create a program that is customizable to your academic and career goals.
- / Start in **Fall, Spring, or Summer** terms

## >> LEARN MORE & APPLY

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

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## Scholarships & Financial Aid

### Future Ready Scholarship

Students enrolled in an online degree completion program may be eligible to receive up to \$2,400 each term.

Learn more at [iacc.uni.edu/future-ready-scholarships](https://iacc.uni.edu/future-ready-scholarships)

### Financial aid

Financial aid may be available for students who qualify. Questions may be directed to the UNI Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

319-273-2700 | [fin-aid@uni.edu](mailto:fin-aid@uni.edu)

Online Tuition & Fees for 2023-24*	
Undergraduate Resident Tuition (per unit of credit)	\$350
Technology fee (per course)	\$42
Records & Documents fee (Transcripts and other fees. Charged at graduation)	\$115

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

Non-Resident tuition costs can be found at [tuition.uni.edu](https://tuition.uni.edu).

Please note that Bachelor of Liberal Studies distance students are limited to registering for 4 units of on-campus coursework. If you wish to register for more than 4 units of on-campus coursework, you will be charged UNI mandatory fees based on the number of credits. More information about on-campus fees can be found at [tuition.uni.edu](https://tuition.uni.edu).

## Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the program, students must have:

- / 24 credits completed from an accredited institution (recommended)
- / Cumulative 2.0 GPA or above

## Next Steps:

1. Complete the interest form at [online.uni.edu/bls](https://online.uni.edu/bls)
2. Submit your application at [uni.edu/apply](https://uni.edu/apply) and attach an unofficial transcript.
3. Fill out a FAFSA at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa)  
UNI's School Code is 001890
4. **Contact us with questions!**  
Email us at [online@uni.edu](mailto:online@uni.edu) or call 319-273-7206

## Distribution Area Requirements

This unique, individualized program allows you to graduate with a customized liberal arts degree. You'll select three of the following distribution areas to concentrate your coursework: Communications & Arts, Humanities, Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Professional Fields and Social Sciences.

To satisfy a distribution area, you must complete 12 units of credit with at least 6 units designated as upper-level. A dedicated advisor is available to assist with course selection and academic planning.

## 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.

### 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 #6 in 2023 as the "Best Online Bachelor's in Liberal Arts Programs" by [TheBestSchools.org](https://TheBestSchools.org)



Ranked as a Most Affordable Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program (Midwest) for 2023 by [LiberalArtsEDU.org](https://LiberalArtsEDU.org)