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

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Visit 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

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

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
- 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.

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

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Ranked #6 in 2023 as the "Best Online Bachelor's in Liberal Arts Programs" by TheBestSchools.org

Ranked as a Most Affordable Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program (Midwest) for 2023 by LiberalArtsEDU.org