

Bachelor of **LIBERAL STUDIES**

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

- / **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 **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.

Delivered
**online,
hybrid or
in-person**

Create a
**customized
program**

Start in
**Fall, Spring,
or Summer
terms**



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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.

Courses & Delivery

Self-Paced Online Courses (SPOC)

These courses provide 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: SPOC 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 SPOC 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 transfer courses in from a community college or another four-year institution.

Visit online.uni.edu/bls for detailed course information and a sequence of courses.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition & Fees for 2025-26*	
Undergraduate credit (per unit)	\$366
Technology fee (per course)	\$46
Records & Documents fee (Covers all 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.

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.

Grants & Scholarships

Grants and scholarships are available for qualified students with the submission of a FAFSA.

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 / finaid.uni.edu

TAKE THE

next steps



1

Complete the interest form at online.uni.edu/bls.

2

Submit your application at uni.edu/apply and attach your unofficial transcript.

To be admitted, students must have:

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

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Fill out a FAFSA at studentaid.gov/fafsa
UNI's School Code is 001890.

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Contact us with questions:

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Bachelor of Liberal Studies
Program (Midwest) for 2025

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