

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 to complete the interest form and receive additional information.

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Scholarships & Financial Aid

Scholarships are available for qualified students with the submission of a FAFSA. Financial aid may be available for students who qualify. Contact the UNI Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships if you have any questions about eligibility or next steps.

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Tuition & Fees for 2024-25*	
Undergraduate credit (per unit)	\$357
Technology fee (per course)	\$44
Records & Documents fee (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.

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

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

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

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.

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