

ASACR 6

Office of the President
May 5, 2020

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Master of Arts degree with a major in Liberal Studies, within the College of Arts and Sciences, beginning in the Fall 2020 Semester.

Background: The proposed program will offer students the opportunity to develop proficiencies from among a cluster of significant employment-related skills, such as critical and complex thinking; clear writing and communication; effective collaboration; research; awareness and sensitivity to the context and historical attributes of key societal issues and problems; and cultural literacy.

This innovative program responds to workplace demands for transdisciplinary learning that is flexible and preparatory for a wide range of careers in fields including education, human resources, and the non-profit sector.

The proposed curriculum will be offered asynchronously online in eight-week sessions. Courses will be offered by a wide range of departments in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Mathematics and Natural Sciences, thus giving students broad exposure to the interpretive and analytical methods of the liberal arts. Anticipated enrollment of 10 students increasing to 22 students is anticipated.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate, and has completed the 30 day review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other_____