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Program of Studies

The Program of Liberal Studies, Notre Dame's Great Books program, offers an integrated three-year sequence of studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree.

Fundamental to the Program is a conception of a liberal arts education that aims to avoid the separation of the humanities into isolated disciplines. The Program seeks to provide a unified undergraduate education in all of the liberal arts, including music and the natural sciences. For this reason, the Program is not to be equated with a "general humanities" educational Program. The study of literature, philosophy, natural and social science, theology, history, and the fine arts will take place within a larger unifying conception of the liberal arts that cuts across many of the disciplinary boundaries suggested by these terms. Because the goal of the Program is to provide more than an introduction to various subject matters, none of the tutorials or seminars stands alone in the Program. The curriculum grows organically over the three years, with each course presuming all of its predecessors.

Although the Program provides education in the liberal arts, it also considers the liberal arts in themselves as insufficient for a complete education. The liberal arts are the critical tools of learning, but they are also to be related to the larger search for genuine understanding and philosophic wisdom. Philosophy, which explores the basic questions of epistemology, ethics, and politics, is also related to the claims of the Christian tradition. The Program maintains specific tutorials in the various disciplines to enable the relationships among them to develop systematically and also to foster a concern with what unifies or transcends them.

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