

Undergraduate study

Liberal Arts



Key highlights



Learn across borders

Liberal arts combines in-depth study of a single discipline with interdisciplinary exploration of other subjects. Choose a specialism from a wide range of arts and humanities subjects and study core units to help you make connections across topics.



First-class facilities

The Faculty of Arts has a huge variety of specialist facilities for students. Take advantage of our vast foreign film library and Multimedia Centre for language learning; the Department of Film and Television's cinema, editing suites, cameras and sound equipment; and our extensive theatre archive – one of the world's largest.



Broaden your horizons

Choose our MLibArts four-year degree to spend your third year studying abroad and gain invaluable international experience. We have exchange agreements with prestigious partner universities around the world.

Why study liberal arts at Bristol?

Liberal arts is a challenging and rewarding subject for outstanding, highly motivated students. Our courses provide a rich education in the meaning and importance of the arts and humanities.

You will have the freedom to study units in a range of different areas, while specialising in one subject of your choice. You can pick your subject pathway from a wide range of options across the Faculty of Arts. Personal guidance throughout the course will help you choose complementary options and develop a coherent academic programme that suits your interests.

In the first two years, at least a third of your credit points come from units in your chosen subject pathway. You will take core liberal arts units that introduce key concepts, skills, and methods within the arts and humanities. These currently include: The Art of Writing; The History of the Present; Experiencing the Aesthetic; Ideas and Society; and Arts in the Age of Data. You will also begin or continue studying an ancient or modern language. You can use remaining credits to take optional units from across the full range of disciplines within the Faculty of Arts.

MLibArts students will spend their third year abroad, subject to satisfactory academic progress. Those on a language pathway will study in a country relevant to their chosen language; other students can choose from a wide range of destinations worldwide.

In the final year, you can choose units from your subject pathway and other options, and you will complete an interdisciplinary dissertation in a topic of your choice.

Subject pathways include:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Classics and Ancient History
- Film
- English
- Historical Studies
- Modern Languages (Czech, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish)
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religion and Theology
- Theatre.

Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-liberalarts

'My course challenges me to think in a way that I haven't before. Interdisciplinarity is a key part of my course, and I love how I learn something new every week.'

Lauren (MLibArts Liberal Arts with Study Abroad)



Bristol is home to renowned galleries like the RWA and Arnolfini; theatres including the historic Bristol Old Vic and the acclaimed Tobacco Factory; several arthouse cinemas, like local favourite Watershed; and music venues from the University's elegant Victoria Rooms to the former cargo ship Thekla.



You'll get the chance to work with external partners, combining industry experience with academic assessment, and take advantage of the many cultural and intellectual activities offered across the University.



Bristol is one of Europe's top cultural and creative cities. It has also been named the UK's most artistic city – based on the quantity of galleries, museums, gigs, theatres and street art.

(Source: European Commission, 2019; Premier Inn, 2019)



This course offers a unique combination of knowledge, understanding, and transferable skills, which makes it especially attractive to employers and those wishing to pursue further study.

Courses

BA Liberal Arts

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