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SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES



WHAT IS LIBERAL STUDIES?

A Liberal Studies education prepares students to venture in a rapidly changing world by liberating the mind from the bondage of habits, customs, dogma and prejudice. The primary objective of a Liberal Studies education is to train students to think critically, creatively, and ethically about the world and themselves to be active citizens, leaders, and compassionate human beings. The most pressing issues of our time—climate change, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, social inequality, public health, urban growth, rural development—cannot be addressed by any one discipline alone. With the disciplinary rigor at its core, the Liberal Studies program adopts an interdisciplinary foundation that equips students to integrate concepts, methods, and thoughts across the natural sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. This exchange becomes the fertile ground of generating and juxtaposing new concepts, methods and innovative solutions to complex challenges. The emphasis on depth and breadth prepares graduates to systematically approach real-world problems from multiple perspectives to tease out the nuances of the problems and possible solutions. The emphasis on writing and communication subsequently enables them to communicate their ideas effectively to diverse audiences. Liberal Studies education opens up a space to understand different worlds in a collaborative manner and transforms students into lifelong learners.



SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES

The School of Liberal Studies (SoLS) at BMU offers a four-year B.A. (Hons) degree with a third-year exit option. Our program aligns with the NEP 2023 as it focuses on interdisciplinary education, flexibility in subject choice, research orientation, practical training and internship. In our programme, students are expected to curate their academic path in consultation with their faculty mentors to choose a major that makes sense for their professional, personal, and civic goals. In the first three semesters students will complete required foundational courses while exploring their intellectual interests through introductory disciplinary courses. This offers them the necessary exposure to choose the major/minor in the middle of second year. Their second and third years will be devoted to completing the required credits for their selected major and minor, while their fourth and final year will focus on individual research, internships, and vocational training.

JOURNEY MAP

1st Year

Foundation Courses
+ Exploring Majors

2nd Year

Choose your
Major

3rd Year

Major+
Interdisciplinary
Minors;
BA Liberal Arts

4th Year

Research
Dissertation +
Honors Degree



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In a world of increasing specialization, the School of Liberal Studies prepares students to work with diverse teams of specialists to effectively communicate with each other in the process of solving complex problems beyond the domains of traditional disciplines. We are determined to offer students (a) grounding on broad spectrum of disciplines and areas of practice, (b) analytical and heuristic competences. We are committed to nurturing imaginative and creative leadership when knowledge is in a state of flux.

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Prof. Shyam Menon

Vice Chancellor
BML Munjal University

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The BA Liberal Arts program in the School of Liberal Studies at BMU offers a well-rounded development of students exposing them to knowledge from various disciplinary domains and an immersive learning of real-world problems in varied field settings. Preparing students for diverse career paths in social sciences and humanities forms an integral part of the pedagogy. Apart from imparting critical knowledge and skills, the School aims to transform students into lifelong learners so that they wholesomely comprehend complex challenges in the contemporary world and can build just and empathetic solutions for the society.

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Dr. Arindam Banerjee

Professor of Economics,
Vice-Dean & Officiating Dean SoLS



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It is exciting that BML Munjal University is starting a Liberal Arts Program. Its attempts to create an innovative undergraduate program and curriculum ought to be welcomed. The University is well positioned to make this program a success.

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**Prof. Pratap Bhanu Mehta**

Distinguished Visiting Professor

FACULTY

Faculty at the School of Liberal Studies bring diverse national, international, and interdisciplinary backgrounds to the school. They are committed toward holistic education and promote a future of liberal studies education for students in a South Asian context that can offer unique opportunities to take part in the evolving job market and interdisciplinary higher education pathways. As with the curriculum at the school, our faculty brings valuable disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and professional learning and innovative and inclusive pedagogies to the programme to weave together a liberal studies programme that is deep-rooted, reflective, and pragmatic.



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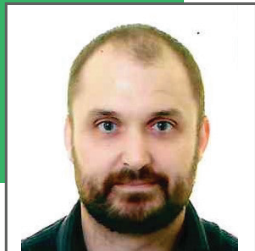
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PROGRAMME OUTCOMES FOR BA IN LIBERAL ARTS

P01: Disciplinary Competency

P02: Interdisciplinary Perspective

P03: Experiential Learning

P04: Ethical Research

P05: Professionalisation and Social Entrepreneurship

P06: Future Pathways

P07: Empathy and Self-Knowledge

Cat	Course	Minimum Credit Requirement	
		3-year UG	4-year UG
1	Foundation Courses	32-34 credits	32-34 credits
2	Major	60 credits	80 credits
3	Minor	24 credits	32 credits
4	Summer Internship	2 - 4	2 - 4
5	Research/Dissertation	-	12
	Total Credits	120 credits	160 credits

Students can also choose to do a double major degree. A student has to secure a minimum of 40% credits from the second major discipline for the 3-year/4-year UG degree to be awarded a double major.

UNIQUE FOUNDATIONS AND PATHWAYS

At BMU, undergraduates in the Liberal Studies programme choose their major in the middle of their second year. This allows you time to explore your intellectual interests through our unique foundational curriculum, all the while developing professional competencies in effective communication, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving.

FIRST YEAR CURRICULUM:

- Writing Seminar I and II
- Reason and Logic
- South Asia in Global History
- Self and Identity
- Research Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative
- India and its Environs
- Paradigms in Science
- Introduction to Majors

During your fourth semester, you will work closely with your faculty mentor to choose a major or double major from the following disciplines**:



Students can also opt for up to two disciplinary or interdisciplinary minors along with their major.

**Over the next five years, SoLS will be steadily expanding this list of majors and minors.



THE BMU DIFFERENCE

The Liberal Studies programme at BMU nurtures students to unpack problems in an in-depth manner, and understands social-economic and ecological issues in their complex web of networks that will guide them in their personal and professional pursuits.

Inquiry-Immerse-Impact Pedagogy

A core component of education has always been dialogic transactions between the teacher and the student in the confines of a classroom. The multi-faceted challenges of the world, however, demand learning in a frame that can go beyond the classroom. The most important social, economic, political or ecological questions of our times require a deeper engagement with the field of study. Learning from human society and nature through an immersive pedagogy is crucial not only for a better understanding of these issues but also for imagining and executing transformative actions. Such an engagement also allows the co-creation of knowledge by students, teachers, and various communities within the larger society. This accesses various formal and informal repositories of knowledge that exists within nature, communities and social structures and uses them for participative, fair, and transformative solutions.

In an immersive learning and inquiry, knowledge creation itself integrates with the subjects of study and therefore directly engages with the ethical aspects of research. The School of Liberal Studies envisions learning as a blend of dialogic transactions and immersive pedagogies, that integrate high theories with the lived realities of human beings. The BA Liberal Arts programme offers a choice of interdisciplinary minors around the themes of child and youth studies, human ecology, data and measurement, among others. A substantial part of these minors are transacted as part of a field-immersion module.

As a part of immersive pedagogy and interdisciplinary education we also offer

- a. A practice-oriented fourth-year that prepares students for either professional placements or further studies.
- b. An authentic interdisciplinarity not limited to social and natural sciences, but extending to the professional disciplines. Students in our program will be able to take advantage of course offerings from BMU's three professional schools: Management, Law, Engineering and Technology.

Student Centric Approach

SoLS curricular design and pedagogy embraces a Student centric approach. We acknowledge that learners in any classroom learn at different pace with different styles, they have different abilities & inclinations and according to their prior- experiences these may greatly vary. We offer diverse learning materials starting from text to audio-visual, creative experiments and immersive experience. Our classroom creates a democratic space where peer-learning becomes the core. We have a high teacher-student ratio and a small classroom setup that encourages learning together by questioning, listening, and thinking critically.

Inclusion and Diversity

To offer an equal opportunity to every students, to acknowledge the effort of meritorious student those are in need, to encourage students with diverse strengths, and to foster cultural diversity and inclusion we offer generous need-based and merit-based scholarships and financial aid.



ADMISSION PROCESS

Stage 1

Application stage: Students apply through the application portal with their Grade X and Grade XII (if available) marks along with details of co and extra curricular activities.

Stage 2

Online test stage: Shortlisted students are invited to undertake an online verbal ability test along with an Essay writing and a Visual Analysis test. The essay will be evaluated based on the student's ability to logically and coherently organise an argument with relevant facts and evidence, develop and present a narrative and bring in multiple perspectives wherever applicable. In the Visual Analysis test, students will be asked to write a caption describing and/or commenting on an image.

Stage 3

Interactive stage: Based on the performance in the online test stage, students will be invited to have an interaction with the SoLS faculties. Offer will be made following this stage.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

BMU offers merit based and need based scholarships to students. We are committed to give fair opportunities to every deserved applicant.





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