General Education Requirements
All Associate and Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs include a general education component intended to provide a depth of knowledge in liberal studies as a necessary background for the specialized knowledge acquired in the discipline in which the student majors. Additionally, the General Education Requirements are intended to assist the student in developing the intellectual flexibility necessary for a fulfilling career.

By meeting these requirements, students develop their critical thinking skills as well as competency in oral, written, and mathematical communication. They also acquire habits of thought traditionally associated with the well-educated person: the ability to analyze and propose solutions to problems; the ability to recognize and assess value structures; and the ability to investigate and understand the literary and expressive arts. The General Education Requirements (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation) are described in the Academic Information section of this catalog.

Transfer Students
Students transferring to Idaho State University who seek a bachelor’s degree in the College of Arts and Letters should refer to the section, “Transfer Credits toward General Education Requirements” in the Undergraduate Admission (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateadmission) section of this catalog.

Major Requirements
In addition to the general education component, all Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs require a concentration in a departmental major of at least 24 credits, of which at least 16 credits must be in courses numbered 3000 and above. The particular course requirements of the departmental majors in the College of Arts and Letters are outlined under the department headings in the catalog.

The Teacher Education Program
The College of Arts and Letters shares responsibility with the College of Education for the Teacher Education Program. Students may fulfill the requirements of the Teacher Education Program while majoring in a discipline within the College of Arts and Letters. The Teacher Education Program admission and completion requirements are detailed in the College of Education (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/education) section of this catalog.

Pre-Law Advising
The successful attorney is one who understands how changes within society affect the relationships between and among people. An effective attorney should have an understanding of human behavior; social, political, and economic change; our ecological systems; and the general influence of our philosophical, literary, and historical heritage. Hence, the student with a broad undergraduate preparation and a developed insight into many facets of life attains the best educational preparation for the practice of law.

The student who aspires to attend law school should seek the counsel of one of the Pre-Law Advisors:

- Dr. Zac Gershberg, Communication, Media, and Persuasion
- Dr. Thomas Eckert, Political Science
- Dr. Justin Stover, History
- Dr. Russell Wahl, Philosophy

These advisors will help create a pre-law curriculum designed to accommodate the student’s major and help him/her prepare for the Law School Admission Test and a career in accordance with the principles discussed above.

College Leadership (http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/artsandletters/leadership)