

LIBERAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS)

Your Passion. Your Career. Your Terms.

UNC Greensboro's Liberal and Professional Studies offers flexible, interdisciplinary pathways designed for today's learners—whether you're starting fresh, returning to finish a degree, or seeking new directions in your career and life. Rooted in the values of a liberal arts education and aligned with professional skills employers value, LPS programs help you grow intellectually, think critically, and communicate effectively across fields.

With seven distinct programs including Religious Studies, International and Global Studies, and the new Videogaming and Esports Studies concentration, LPS is home to innovative, future-facing learning. You'll find online and hybrid courses that fit your schedule, small classes taught by dedicated faculty, and a community committed to your success.

Whether you're interested in exploring global cultures, analyzing ethical dilemmas, leading in digital spaces, or solving real-world problems, LPS helps you chart a path that's meaningful, flexible, and bold.

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Bachelor of Arts in Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)

The BLS program allows students the flexibility to complete an undergraduate degree entirely online in one of four concentrations. The interdisciplinary nature of the program allows students to explore their own interests in new and exciting ways and easily transfer from other institutions, schools, and programs. It provides students the credentials and skills to continue their education in graduate school or succeed in their career.

This program offers four B.A. concentrations:

- **General Psychology**—Creates an opportunity path for students interested in human services careers, which require psychological knowledge but not necessarily all the specific technical “know-how” of a Psychology B.A. or B.S. major. The BLIS General Psychology concentration allows these students to tailor psychology class selections to the settings they plan on working in, with a broader research methods class that provides preparation applicable in

most workplaces (survey and observational research, rather than laboratory experiments).

- **Humanities**—Designed to provide students with an opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree online by gaining a thorough understanding of the humanities, the interconnections among them, and their relevance to individuals and to modern society. The humanities are broadly defined to include those disciplines that study people—their ideas, their history, their literature, their artifacts, and their values. The program will investigate individual people in their solitude, life together in societies, and models of and for reality that constitute cultures.
- **Professional Studies**—Designed to provide students with an opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree online by combining course work from the humanities, social sciences, and other fields in a curriculum that emphasizes the skills and knowledge that will be helpful in the workplace.
- **Social Sciences**—Designed to provide students with an opportunity to earn their baccalaureate degree online by gaining a broad-based understanding of the social sciences. The social sciences are the fields of academic scholarship that explore aspects of human behavior and societies.

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<https://www.uncg.edu/degrees/liberal-and-interdisciplinary-studies-b-a/>
 Courses and Requirements (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/liberal-and-interdisciplinary-studies-ba/>)

Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies (B.S.)

The Professional Studies (BPS) program equips students to address real-world challenges through flexible, online, interdisciplinary learning. Our project-based curriculum fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration, allowing students to customize their studies and gain expertise to apply to professional fields of interest. We are dedicated to supporting all learners and preparing them for successful careers.

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<https://www.uncg.edu/degrees/integrated-professional-studies-online-bs/>
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Master of Arts in Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies (M.A.)

The fully online M.A. in Liberal and Interdisciplinary Studies (MA-LIS) is designed for working adults seeking a flexible, rigorous education. Delivered in seven-week asynchronous courses, the program integrates the arts, humanities, and sciences to cultivate critical thinking, intercultural competence, and creative problem solving. Students explore complex global challenges through multiple perspectives and apply their learning in a culminating capstone project addressing real-world issues. Emphasizing intellectual curiosity, adaptability, and empathy, the program prepares graduates to lead with insight and purpose across industries. Ideal for those who value deep understanding over narrow specialization, this degree fosters the skills today's evolving world demands.

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Courses and Requirements (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/liberal-interdisciplinary-studies-ma/#requirementstext>)

International and Global Studies

The International and Global Studies program educates and empowers students to be engaged global citizens, leaders, and scholars. Our interdisciplinary, liberal arts approach emphasizes intercultural competency, second language proficiency, and a critical understanding of the complexity and interconnectedness of world regions and populations.

This program offers six B.A. concentrations and six undergraduate minors, focusing on global citizenship and interdisciplinary approaches to international issues.

Functional Studies

- **International and Global Affairs and Development** (major concentration)
A study of the political, sociological, economic, environmental, and health-related issues and the interdependence among peoples, governments, and nations of the world.
- **International and Global Arts and Belief Systems** (major concentration)
A study of the arts, literatures, philosophies, and belief systems unique to and interconnecting other nations and peoples of the world.
- **International and Global Human Rights** (major concentration)
A study of the foundations of freedom, justice, and peace as they relate to the protection of the dignity and rights of human beings around the world.
- **International and Global Studies** (minor)
A study of the different perspectives and approaches to international and global studies. Students focus their coursework in their area of interest.

Regional Studies

- Asian Studies (major concentration or minor)
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies (major concentration or minor)
- Russian Studies (major concentration or minor)
- African Studies (minor)
- European Studies (minor)

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Courses (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/courses/igs/>)

Requirements (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/international-global-studies-minor/>)

Religious Studies

Religious Studies (REL) explores how religion and spirituality are evolving in digital spaces. Join scholars in “digital religion” to examine YouTube, TikTok, gaming, and podcasts—plus topics like celebrity, fandoms, gurus, cults, and wellness culture—while discovering your place in this growing movement. All are welcome, regardless of faith. A Pre-Divinity Track is offered for those pursuing academic or vocational careers in religion.

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Courses (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/courses/rel/>)

Requirements (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/religious-studies-minor/#requirementstext>)

Islamic Studies

Offered as an undergraduate minor, this program provides an in-depth understanding of Islamic traditions, cultures, and contemporary issues. The Islamic Studies program expands your understanding of global Muslim communities while building cultural sensitivity, critical thinking, and cross-cultural communication skills.

Career Preparation

Graduates go on to work in:

- Journalism
- Foreign Service
- Healthcare
- Education
- Public Service

Customize Your Experience

- Combine Islamic Studies with majors like Religious Studies, History, Archaeology, or International & Global Studies
- Gain real-world experience through research, community engagement, and faculty-mentored projects.
- Enhance your studies with optional study programs in the Middle East and Africa, deepening intercultural understanding through immersive experiences

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<https://lps.uncg.edu/religious-studies/islamic-studies/>

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Videogaming and Esports Studies

The expanded Videogaming and Esports program equips students with interdisciplinary skills for careers in the multibillion-dollar gaming and esports industry. If you love playing, analyzing, or streaming games, this concentration is for you.

As an Epic Games (makers of *Fortnite*) Unreal Academic Partner—one of only 36 in the United States—our program taps into the latest gaming technology, housed within our state-of-the-art Esports Arena, and a range of related disciplines like media production, design, music, and more to put you at the starting line. You’ll develop and build your own video game, dive into the art of telling stories via games, engage in critical analysis of gaming and its role in society, and gain hands-on insights into the practical and technical aspects of esports competition.

Career Preparation

Graduates of Videogaming and Esports go on to careers in:

- Game Development
- Media Production
- Game Journalism
- VR Production
- Software Engineering
- App Development

Furthermore, graduates have found positions for themselves at:

- Epic Games
- Red Storm Entertainment
- Insomniac Games
- Carolina Esports Hub
- . . . and many other leading studios and esports organizations.

Customize Your Experience

- Plug-and-play with other majors: The uniquely interdisciplinary VES major/minor connects with most majors that UNC Greensboro offers. It's a great complement to a range of fields, from business to design to music production, among many others, that reflects the growing importance and wide-ranging opportunities of this fast-growing industry.
- On the cutting edge of gaming tech: As an Epic Games Unreal Engine Academic Partner, UNC Greensboro's Videogaming and Esports Studies program integrates the latest gaming engines and tech into our offerings, so you'll work with the latest and best as you develop your expertise. Plus, our state-of-the-art Esports Arena gives you first-hand experience in both gaming and esports competition for a well-rounded approach.
- Be a gamer and a game maker: With two student-run clubs and a vibrant Esports Arena, VES connects you to a dynamic community. You'll create your own game while honing skills in production, storytelling, and design—gaining critical insights into gaming's impact on society.

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<https://esports.uncg.edu/academics/videogaming-and-esports-studies-minor/>

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- Professional Studies Online, B.S. (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/professional-studies-online-bs/>)
- African Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/african-studies-minor/>)
- Asian Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/asian-studies-minor/>)
- European Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/european-studies-minor/>)
- International and Global Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/international-global-studies-minor/>)
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- Religious Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/religious-studies-minor/>)
- Russian Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/russian-studies-minor/>)
- Videogaming and Esports Studies Undergraduate Minor (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/arts-sciences/liberal-and-professional-studies/videogaming-esports-studies-minor/>)
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