their everyday marketing and fund-raising problems. 3 Cr. Summer.

PES 692 Budgeting, Finance and Facility Management in Physical Education and Sport (A). Studies financial and budgetary aspects of physical education and sport. Also examines the areas of indoor and outdoor sport facilities in terms of their construction, maintenance and proper utilization for both physical education and sport programs and activities. 3 Cr. Fall.

PES 791 Internship in Athletic Administration (B). Provides an entry-level experience in an athletic administrative setting. Requires involvement in day-to-day duties in athletic administration and observation of higher level management operations. 3 Cr. Every Semester.

PES 795 Thesis (B). Requires the preparation and oral defense of a substantial research and writing project planned and completed under the guidance of a graduate faculty committee. 1-6 Cr. Every Semester.

PES 798 Synthesis Project Seminar (B). Prerequisite: PES 604 and PES 605; with instructor’s permission PES 798 may be taken concurrently with PES 605. Requires preparation and presentation of a literature review in a widely investigated topic of the student’s choice. Involves analysis, evaluation and integration of the published literature on the topic, as well as the student’s conclusions pertaining to the research findings. Students in the early childhood emphasis of the adapted physical education concentration must complete a project related to early childhood adapted to physical education as a part of PES 798. 3 Cr. Every Semester.

**LIBERAL STUDIES**

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The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies is a multidisciplinary degree for students seeking an alternative to traditional graduate courses of study that focus on professional training in a single area. Instead, the 30-credit Liberal Studies program is designed for the life-long learner seeking intellectual development, personal enrichment and the benefits of an advanced education in the liberal arts and sciences. The program allows each degree candidate the opportunity to develop an individualized Plan of Study tailored to his or her own personal and/or professional goals. Through this Plan of Study, the student examines significant ideas and contemporary issues from the perspectives of the fine arts, humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. It provides an integrative educational experience that promotes a deeper understanding of self, nature and society, and offers opportunities to sharpen critical thinking and communication skills.

Given its multidisciplinary nature, Liberal Studies has no faculty that are exclusively assigned to its program. Rather, it draws upon the best faculty from across The College at Brockport (and elsewhere) to teach its required courses. Some are Distinguished Teaching Professors, the highest academic rank attainable at SUNY. Many are recipients of the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, a SUNY-wide recognition for outstanding instruction. Others hold (or have held) high administrative positions in their disciplines, including departmental chairperson, dean, director of the Honors Program, and assistant vice president for academic affairs. All are experts in their disciplines, yet truly capable of teaching from the multidisciplinary perspective that is the hallmark of a graduate Liberal Studies education at The College at Brockport.

**Entrance Requirements**

Admission requirements include a bachelor’s degree from an accredited four-year college or university (see the Graduate Admissions section of this catalog for further details), and completion of the application for graduate admission. Documents required as part of this application include:

1. At least three letters of recommendation.
2. A written essay on reasons for pursuing the Liberal Studies program.
3. A statement indicating a particular central theme or focus for a proposed Plan of Study.
4. Official transcripts for all prior undergraduate and graduate work documenting an undergraduate and/or graduate GPA of at least 3.0.

Applications are reviewed three times annually; visit www.brockport.edu/graduate for details on the application deadlines for this program. At each of the three deadlines, completed applications are reviewed to select the most qualified candidates. Because admission is on a competitive basis, applicants should be aware that the stated minimum criteria only guarantee consideration for admission, not admission itself.

**General Structure of the Liberal Studies Program**

To receive a Liberal Studies degree, students must earn a total of 30 graduate credits. Since The College at Brockport graduate courses are generally three credits each, a normal Plan of Study consists of 10 graduate courses. These courses include four required Liberal Studies courses and six elective courses. The required block includes (a) one course from each of three disciplinary perspectives: the arts and humanities, the natural sciences, and the social sciences; and (b) the Project Portfolio, a synthesizing experience entailing both a reflective component and a knowledge application component based on the student’s individual Plan of Study.

In the Liberal Studies program, elective courses are selected through advisement (a required procedure that must be completed before a student may continue with the matriculation process). The electives must reflect a programmatic theme or focus that satisfies the degree candidate’s personal and/or professional goals. The following restrictions apply to the selection of these courses:

1. At least two elective courses (six credits) must be at the 600-level or higher (i.e., courses designed exclusively for graduate students).
2. No more than two courses (six credits) may reflect content intended for application in a specific professional setting (these courses are usually designated as “B” courses at The College at Brockport).
3. No more than three courses may be taken within the same department or discipline (e.g., History, English, etc.).
4. No more than six credits may be taken as Independent Study.
5. No elective course may be taken on a “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory” grade basis.
6. No internships allowed
7. Written approval of the program director is required for any change to a matriculated student’s Plan of Study.

**Required Liberal Studies Courses**

**LST 700-719 Topics in the Arts and Humanities.** Varies according to instructor. 3 Cr. Every Semester.

**LST 720-739 Topics in the Natural Sciences.** Varies according to the instructor. 3 Cr. Every Semester.

**LST 740-759 Topics in the Social Sciences.** Varies according to the instructor. 3 Cr. Every Semester.

**LST 797 Project Portfolio.** Prerequisite: Instructor’s permission. Students may not register for this course until they have completed all of the Liberal Studies degree requirements or, in exceptional cases, are concurrently registered for their final course requirements (for a maximum of three credits subject to approval by the Director) as specified in their Plan of Study. A pre-graduation “culmination project” that entails both a reflective component and a knowledge application component. Includes (a) a statement of the specific programmatic goals around which the Plan of Study has been developed, (b) a reflective statement describing how the interrelationships between the areas of knowledge and skills acquired through the student’s Plan of Study have provided an integrative experience that has contributed holistically to one’s educational objectives, (c) a paper applying insights and/or methodologies from the three Liberal Studies disciplinary approaches (arts and humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences) to an understanding of some issue or problem with contemporary society, and (d) sample work from the student’s required and elective courses (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading). 3 Cr. Every Semester.