

**LIBS 3500: Navigating University Requirements
Course Outline and Learning Agreement**

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(1 Unit per term)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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Course description: A course for Liberal Studies majors seeking guidance in the development of their required Individual Education Plans (IEP). Focus on fulfilling Subject Matter Preparation requirements with lower and upper division General Education requirements, LIBS major requirements, and concentration requirements. LIBS 3500 may be repeated for a total of 2 units. LIBS 3500 may be taken concurrently with LIBS 1000, 2000 and 3000.

Course is open to native and transfer students and is intended to help students develop skills and program development background to effectively navigate the complex LIBS major requirements consistent with department criteria. Objectives of the course will be modified for each student depending upon the student's personal background and point of development in their Individual Education Plan (IEP) process.

Course objectives: As a result of completing the requirements of this course, students will:

- Understand required subject matter, university General Education, and the major and concentration elements.
- Observe and analyze course work alignment and cross counting strategies.
- Understand the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing subject matter preparation Standards.
- Understand academic advising, the development process, assessment and its connection to elementary education student IEP planning.
- Develop a personalized Individual Education Plan appropriate to current personal placement in the program.

Required Texts: Students should download a hard copy of the Subject matter standards at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/STDS-subject-matter.html>

Course Requirements:

To earn a "credit" grade students must submit a complete approved Individual Education Plan (IEP).

LIBS 3500 COURSE GRADES

This course is graded with grading option #1, credit/no credit. All assigned work must be completed to earn credit. Late work will be penalized a minimum of 20%.

IEP papers and assignments (50 points each)	200
Class attendance and participation	100
Course total	300

A "Credit" grade in this course requires 210 points.

College of Education

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