

Transfer Planning Worksheet 2020-2021



**NORTH CENTRAL
COLLEGE 1861**

Student Name: _____ North Central ID# _____ College Representative: _____ Date: _____

Liberal Studies, B.A.

The Shimer School Liberal Studies Major comprises the entirety of the School's core curriculum. Liberal Studies majors take the full complement of courses in all three major areas of the curriculum: humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Studying the breadth of human knowledge and creation, largely (but not entirely) in traditions from Europe and North America, allows Liberal Studies majors to integrate knowledge and methods from disparate fields and develop insights that transcend any given discipline of study. Like all Shimer School majors, those in Liberal Studies develop their insights through a combination of individual reflection; small-class discussions; intensive writing, peer-editing and revision of essays; and the variety of practical exercises that reflect our readings in each area sequence of courses. Breadth and depth of knowledge and skills characterize graduates of the Shimer School. Through the core curriculum of the Shimer School they immerse themselves in major classic and contemporary works of human expression, social thought and scientific knowledge and practice. Their broad familiarity with fundamental ideas and methods across the Liberal Arts provides the foundation on which they build increasingly refined understanding and skills in more specialized courses in chosen disciplines taught across North Central College. Shimer School graduates thus find meaningful employment in an unusually broad array of fields, including teaching, social work, law, small business and entrepreneurial enterprise and non-profit administration among the most common.

Major Requirements

Shimer School Liberal Studies Core Courses			
Course Name	Equivalent	Credit	Grade
SGBH 101 - Art and Fiction			
SGBH 102 - Music and Verse			
SGBH 201 - Philosophy and the Nature of Thought			
SGBH 202 - Theology: Structures of Meaning			
SGBN 101 - The Shape of the World			
SGBN 102 - What is Matter?			
SGBN 201 - What is Motion?			
SGBN 202 - What is Life?			
SGBS 101 - Models of Social Thought			
SGBS 102 - The Western Political Tradition			
SGBS 201 - Critical Theories of Society and Politics			
SGBS 202 - Social Formation and Social Transformation			
SGBI 101 - The Classical Foundations: Logic and Math			
SGBI 102 - The Modern Foundations of Logic and Math			
SGBI 451 - Integrative Studies: Ancient Early Modern World			
SGBI 452 - Integrative Studies: The Modern World			
SGBI 496 - Thesis			
Electives			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four credits from SGBH, SGBN or SGBS at the 300-level or above 			
Comprehensive Examinations			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Shimer Great Books Basic Studies Comprehensive Exam (following successful completion of at least six of the required courses at the 100-level). Pass one Area Studies Comprehensive Exam (SGBH, SGBS or SGBN) after completion of the corresponding required courses at the 200-level. 			
Additional Requirements for the B.A. Degree			
Students must demonstrate elementary competence in a foreign language. For more information, see the B.A. Degree Requirements within the Academic Regulations section of this catalog.			