THE LIBERAL STUDIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY program focuses on essential 21st-century skills, targeting abilities identified by employers as crucial to professional competence and personal success. The new curriculum is focused on what we want FSU graduates to become.

“Liberal Studies offers a transformative experience, helping students to become creative and productive citizens, critical consumers, and culturally aware participants in a global community.”

—Matthew Shaftel, University Distinguished Teaching Professor

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Liberal Studies for the 21st Century prepares FSU graduates to thrive intellectually and professionally and to support themselves, their families, and their communities through a broad, critical engagement with the world in which they work and live.

THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF THE LIBERAL STUDIES EDUCATION PROGRAM

FSU’s innovative competency-based curriculum allows students to work with faculty in exploring and participating in cutting-edge scholarly and creative work across a wide range of disciplines.

Our new E-Series and Scholarship in Practice signature courses engage students with creative approaches to persistent questions, close contact with faculty, and opportunities for hands-on learning experiences.

QUANTITATIVE AND LOGICAL THINKING
helping FSU students to become critical analyzers of quantitative and logical claims

ENGLISH
helping FSU students to become clear, creative, and convincing communicators; and critical readers

SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY
helping FSU students to become critical appraisers of theories and the facts that support them

ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
helping FSU students to become ethically engaged and socially responsible citizens

CULTURAL PRACTICE AND HUMANITIES
helping FSU students to become thoughtful patrons of and participants in cultural practices

NATURAL SCIENCES
helping FSU students to become critical appraisers of theories and the facts that support them

E-SERIES
helping FSU students to become interdisciplinary and flexible thinkers

SCHOLARSHIP IN PRACTICE AND FORMATIVE EXPERIENCES
helping FSU students to become lifelong and independent learners

E-SERIES SIGNATURE COURSES

E-Series courses ask students to engage, explore, and envision as they critically and creatively approach contemporary problems and the enduring issues of human existence.

Here are a few that are available:

- An apple a day? Issues in Medicine in a Contemporary World
- Living Green: Theory to Action
- The Boundaries Between Us: Exploring Racial Inequality in the U.S.
- Animation and Identity

SCHOLARSHIP IN PRACTICE SIGNATURE COURSES

Scholarship in Practice courses focus on the processes of creative and scholarly work, providing students with a direct experience of what it means to be, for example, an architect, a biologist, or a journalist.

Here are a few that are available:

- Intro to Cinema Studies: Analysis and Practice
- The Historian’s Craft
- In My Opinion: Introduction to Designing, Conducting, and Analyzing Surveys
- Sports in Antiquity: Olympians, Gladiators, and Superstars