

# Liberal Arts Studies (LIBA)

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All new first-year students are required to take LIBA 101, a liberal arts seminar introducing them to college-level study, during the first semester of enrollment. This small-group seminar helps students develop four capacities that are essential for students transitioning to college: growth mindset; identity and perspective; critical reasoning; and academic reading and writing. Topics of sections vary by instructor.

## Coordinator

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### **LIBA 101. Liberal Arts Seminar. 3 Hours.**

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