

Quaternity Option

The Liberal Studies Quaternity option is a student-centered option that aims at exploring four different, but interconnected concepts of knowledge—thinking, feeling, intuition, and sensation—which are derived from the complex interaction of mythos (story, fable, imagination) and logos (truth, fact, reality). Students in the Quaternity option are expected to approach and to integrate all of their courses through this epistemological lens, and to demonstrate that they have done so through writing assignments in the Liberal Studies seminars and other course assignments. Note that Online Quaternity students now have the option to add a fully online Sustainability & Environmental Stewardship minor to their degree program.

In addition to the integrative seminars, university core, and the liberal studies requirements, students in Quaternity require a foreign language (6 cr) and an additional 4 courses (12+ cr) in *each* area of Quaternity: 1.) arts, 2.) humanities, 3.) natural science *or* mathematics, and 4.) social sciences. At least six (6) of the 12+ credits in each area of Quaternity must be upper division (300- or 400-level).

Freshman Year	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
LS 101US - Interdisciplinary Ways of Knowing	3	
WRIT 101W - College Writing I	3	
Modern Language	3	
University Core	3	
Electives	6	
Modern Language		3
University Core		9
Electives		2
Year Total:	18	14

Sophomore Year	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
Integrative Studies - Humanities	3	
Integrative Studies - Natural Sciences	3	
Integrative Studies - Social Science	3	
University Core	6	
Integrative Studies - Fine Arts		3
Quaternity - Humanities		3
Quaternity - Natural Sciences		3
University Core		6
Year Total:	15	15

Junior Year	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
LS 301 - Integrative Seminar	1	
Quaternity - Fine Arts	3	
Quaternity - Humanities	3	
Quaternity - Natural Sciences	3	
Quaternity - Social Sciences	6	
Quaternity - Fine Arts		6
Quaternity - Humanities		3
Quaternity - Natural Sciences		3
Quaternity - Social Sciences		3
Year Total:	16	15

Senior Year	Credits	
	Fall	Spring
LS 301 - Integrative Seminar	1	

Quaternity - Fine Arts	3	
Quaternity - Humanities	3	
Quaternity - Natural Sciences	3	
Quaternity - Social Sciences	3	
LS 499R - Senior Capstone		4
LS 301 - Integrative Seminar		1
Electives		9
Year Total:	13	14
Total Program Credits:		120

* Up to 6 credits required in a minor or in a second degree program may be applied toward the 12 credit elective requirement in arts, humanities, natural science or mathematics, or social sciences.

Per MSU requirements for the degree, a minimum of 42 credits must be in courses numbered 300 and above.