LBA 398 Capstone Project

The BA in Liberal Studies is a unique, interdisciplinary degree in which students combine multiple areas of study to construct their major. Students are asked to make connections among the disciplines which comprise their major through a final capstone research project completed during their final semester. Students will leave the course able to discuss their major and their research in writing and in interview formats. The paper must contain 10-12 pages and a bibliography, and must draw from knowledge gained through the various areas within the major.

Students completing the LBA 398 capstone paper will approach one faculty member from one of his or fields of study to serve as chair for the semester-long research project. This faculty member will work with the student to formulate a research topic, set internal deadlines for paper completion, and ensure progress in research and writing. As most students select three areas of study, he or she will invite a professor from each of the other two fields in the major to serve on the committee with the chair and the academic advisor, Dr. Joyce Johnston. These faculty members will also give input to the student based on their areas of expertise.

For Spring 2018, all LBA 398 completers must submit their essay to the chair and all other committee members by April 13th. Based on input from the chair and other two committee members, Dr. Johnston will arrange a time for the student and the committee to meet to discuss the essay and research. This conversation will take no more than one hour.