

PROGRAM IN STRUCTURED LIBERAL EDUCATION

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The Program in Structured Liberal Education (SLE) offers freshmen an interdisciplinary approach to the liberal arts. The program emphasizes intellectual rigor and individualized contact between faculty and students. SLE has three basic purposes: to present a coherent program of instruction; to develop a student's ability to ask effective questions of texts, teachers, the culture, and themselves; and to develop intellectual skills in logical reasoning, critical reading, expository writing, and group discussions. SLE encourages students to live a life of ideas in an atmosphere that stresses critical thinking and a tolerance for ambiguity. Neither the instructors nor the curriculum provides ready-to-serve answers to the questions being dealt with; rather, SLE encourages a sense of intellectual challenge, student initiative, and originality.

The residence hall is the informal setting for lectures and small group discussions. SLE instructors work closely with students and participate in dorm life. SLE enhances the classroom experience with other residence-based educational activities, including a weekly film series and a student-produced play each quarter.

Freshmen interested in enrolling in SLE should indicate this preference for their IHUM assignment. SLE is designed as a three quarter sequence and students should be willing to make a commitment for the entire year.

Correspondence regarding the program should be addressed to Program in Structured Liberal Education, Florence Moore Hall, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

COURSES

SLE 91,92,93. Structured Liberal Education—SLE demands approximately 60 percent of the average academic workload during freshman year. Autumn Quarter focus is on the mythological and cultural foundations of ancient Greece and Israel. Winter Quarter focus is on the religious, ideological, and aesthetic transformations that occurred in Europe, Asia, and the New World as a result of the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Scientific Revolution, and Enlightenment. Spring Quarter focus is on the social, political, and artistic forces that shape the modern world. Completion of the SLE program satisfies the GER:IHUM, DB-Hum, and the University Writing and Rhetoric requirements.

91: 9 units, *Aut*, **92:** 9 units, *Win*, **93:** 10 units, *Spr* (Staff)

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