

# Faculty in Liberal Studies

**Department:** School of Humanities, Religion, and Social Sciences

**Reports to:** Dean of the School of Humanities, Religion and Social Sciences

**Status:** Faculty rank; continuing-status track

**Time commitment:** Full-time; 9-month faculty appointment

**Start date:** July 1, 2019

## Opportunity

Liberal Studies is one of the largest traditional undergraduate majors on our main campus, with a long-standing reputation for excellence in preparing students for teaching professions and a wide range of other careers. This Program Director position will allow an experienced educator to take up this legacy and carry it forward into the future.

## Role

- Oversee the Liberal Studies program;
- Teach the foundational and capstone courses;
- Advise students;
- Partner with other undergraduate programs and local elementary schools to provide the best possible curriculum for our students;
- Pursue an active scholarly agenda;
- Train future teachers and servant leaders in a Christian Liberal Arts context;
- Work with a diverse student population;
- Foster and strengthen academic and professional collaboration with FPU's School of Education.

## Qualifications

### Required

- *Earned terminal degree in Education or related field of study* (ABD candidates will be considered);
- Record or promise of scholarly achievement;
- Mentor and advise Liberal Studies majors (as well as general education students);
- Experience or aptitude for program administration, including ongoing program assessment and evaluation, and advising students;
- Experience or aptitude for outstanding college-level teaching;
- Experience or aptitude for developing partnerships in the Fresno-area K-12 community;
- Aptitude for interdisciplinary collaborations with the wide range of faculty who teach courses in the major;
- Knowledge of technology / learning-management systems;
- Ability to provide positive leadership and restorative discipline for students;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;

- Commitment to the integration of faith, life, and learning;
- Familiarity with Latino/a communities, as well as the ethnic and socio-economic diversity of the Central Valley;
- Agreement with the mission of the university and ability to effectively communicate its values;
- Ability to work with students, staff and faculty in a collegial environment;
- Commitment to the Christian faith and the university's mission of Christ-centered teaching and learning, and involvement in a local church.

### **Preferred**

- K-12 teaching and/or administrative experience;
- Understanding of California state standards and policies that affect K-12 teachers.

### **Compensation**

Dependent on qualifications and experience, and paid out over 12 months. Full-time benefits include insurance (medical, vision, dental, LTD), retirement (TIAA-CREF), Section 125 options.

### **Application**

Send a letter of application, a completed faculty application form (including personal statements), curriculum vita, three letters of reference (including one pastoral), and transcripts or placement file to:

*Dr. Ron Herms*  
*Fresno Pacific University*  
*School of HRSS, Box 2301*  
*1717 S. Chestnut Avenue Fresno, CA 93702*  
 OR: email [hrss@fresno.edu](mailto:hrss@fresno.edu)

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### **University description**

Fresno Pacific University offers undergraduate and graduate programs that stress solid academic preparation and a strong ethical foundation. Some 4,000 traditional and adult students attend classes on the main campus in southeast Fresno or centers in North Fresno, Visalia, Bakersfield and Merced as well as online. The university also reaches about 10,000 students through professional development studies. FPU has the highest four-year graduation rate of any Central Valley college or university, is a Hispanic Serving Institution, with a Hispanic student population of 44 percent, and is one of the top 10 HSIs nationally in graduating Hispanic students. The Valley's only comprehensive Christian university granting master's degrees, the university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and ranked in the top tier among western universities—master's category by U.S. News & World Report. FPU is affiliated with

the Mennonite Brethren Church, and all employees express a personal Christian commitment and support the Christian mission of the university. A description of the unique quality of FPU as an academic community can be found in the [Fresno Pacific University Idea](#).

*Fresno Pacific University is an equal employment opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic or social background, sex, age, or disability. Committed to excellence and actively supportive of cultural diversity, FPU invites individuals who contribute to such diversity to apply.*

*The university reserves the right to fill positions before the application deadline or to extend the deadline as circumstances may warrant.*