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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

COLLEGE
of **LIBERAL**
ARTS

BUILD YOUR LEGACY

FACTS & FIGURES



THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS consists of 21 departments, 14 multidisciplinary programs, and 20 institutes and centers within the discipline groupings of the fine & performing arts, humanities, natural sciences & mathematics, and social sciences. Our 550 faculty offer four degrees (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Science), with 35 major and 52 minor fields of study.

\$4.36

MILLION

in scholarships given to

1675

RECIPIENTS

76
student organizations
IN THE COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

**STUDENT
PROFILE**

5,360

students

4,816
UNDERGRADUATE

544
GRADUATE

29%

IDENTIFY AS A
MINORITY

9%

STEM

13%

HIGHER ED

14%

HEALTH CARE

17%

BUSINESS/FINANCE

9%

GOVERNMENT/MILITARY
1ST-RESPONDERS

10%

LAW

ALUMNI CAREERS

7%

COMMUNITY SERVICE

NON-PROFIT

4%

HOSPITALITY

PERSONAL CARE

8%

K-12 EDUCATION

7%

ARTS/CULTURE/MEDIA

3%

TRADES/AGRICULTURE

TRANSPORT

52%
of graduating
SENIORS
are headed to
PROFESSIONAL
and
GRAD SCHOOL



Scan to
explore our
COLLEGE
PROGRAMS

FOUNDED IN 1848, THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS is the oldest and largest division of the University of Mississippi. We began with the first four faculty members and now have 550.

The concept of liberal arts comes from the Greek word *eleutheros* and the Latin word *liber*, both meaning “free.” It was the notion of a reflective citizenship in the early democracy of ancient Athens, an education that frees the mind from the bondage of habit and custom, producing citizens who can function with sensitivity and critical thinking.

Today a liberal arts–based education still empowers and prepares you to deal with complexity, diversity, and change through a broad knowledge of the world. Students develop a sense of social responsibility and key intellectual skills sought in the workforce such as communication, analytical and problem-solving skills, and the ability to work with a diverse group of people.

According to the National Association of Colleges & Employers survey, the top skills and qualities desired in job candidates:

1. Written communication
2. Problem solving skills
3. Ability to work in a team
4. Initiative
5. Quantitative skills
6. Strong work ethic
7. Oral communication
8. Leadership
9. Detail-oriented
10. Technical skills

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

Create,

follow your passion,
strengthen professional skills,
cultivate critical thinking,
and discover your place
in our society through
culturally relevant works.



Department of Art and Art History

- » Minors in Art, Art History
- » BA in Art, Art History
- » **BFA in Art** with two concentrations: Fine Arts (ceramics, painting, or sculpture) and Media Arts (graphic design, printmaking and imaging arts)

Bachelor of Fine Arts students begin with foundational courses followed by a BFA review, after which students choose a concentration or switch to the BA.

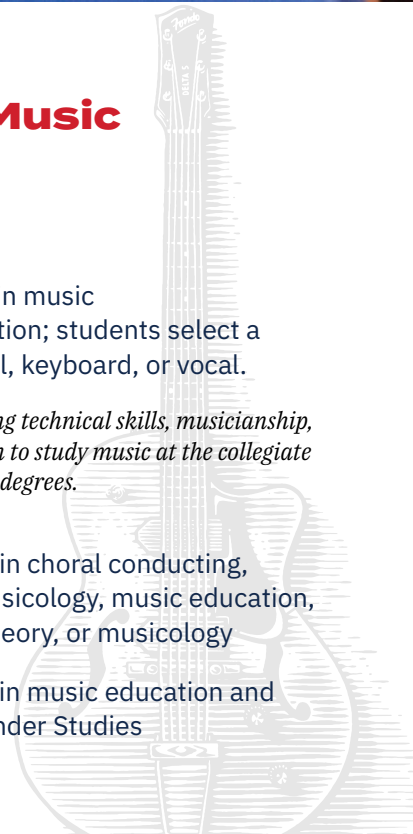
- » **MFA in Art** with emphases in ceramics, painting, printmaking, or sculpture

Department of Music

- » Minor in Music
- » BA in Music
- » **BM in Music** with emphases in music performance or music education; students select a concentration in instrumental, keyboard, or vocal.

An entrance audition demonstrating technical skills, musicianship, and musical literacy in preparation to study music at the collegiate level is required for the BA and BM degrees.

- » **MM in Music** with emphases in choral conducting, collaborative piano, ethnomusicology, music education, music performance, music theory, or musicology
- » **PhD in Music** with emphasis in music education and optional concentration in Gender Studies





Department of Theatre & Film

- » Minor in Theatre Arts
- » BA in Theatre Arts
- » BFA in Theatre Arts with emphases in acting for stage & screen or design & theatre production.
- » BFA in Film Production

Admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees is by competitive entry prior to the freshman year.



Our integration of theatre and film provides a well-rounded education in the entertainment industry.



SOCIAL SCIENCES

Study how
people,
groups,
and institutions
behave and influence
the world around us.

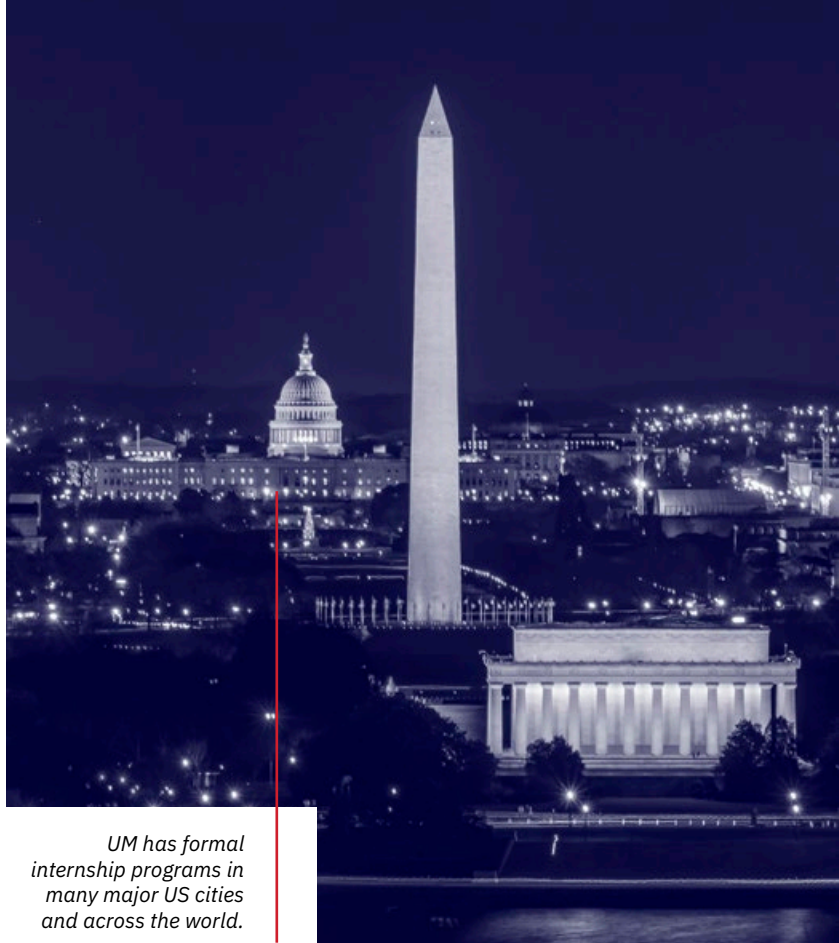
Department of Economics

- » Minor in Economics
- » BA, BS in Economics with optional emphases in financial economics or law & economics
- » MA, PhD in Economics

Department of Political Science

- » Minor in Political Science
- » BA in Political Science with optional emphases in campaigns & elections, international conflict & cooperation, politics of developing countries, or law & courts
- » MA, PhD in Political Science

The accelerated master's program allows students to earn the BA and MA in political science in five years.



UM has formal internship programs in many major US cities and across the world.

Department of Psychology

- » Minor in Psychology
- » BA in Psychology
- » MA, PhD in Psychology with emphases in clinical or experimental psychology

Department of Public Policy Leadership

- » Minor in Public Policy Leadership
- » BA in Public Policy Leadership

Admission to the Bain Public Policy Leadership is by competitive entry through the LLI. The deadline to apply is in early January.



Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- » Minors in Anthropology, Sociology
- » BA, MA in Anthropology
- » BA, MA in Sociology

AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE
19
students

82%
of classes
under
25 STUDENTS

88%
of classes
under
35 STUDENTS

Special application to
ARABIC
or
CHINESE
FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

HUMANITIES

How do we process and document the human experience?

Humanities disciplines teach students to communicate, to read critically, to ask questions about ourselves and our world, and to appreciate difference.

Department of Classics

- » Minor in Classics
- » BA in Classics with emphases in ancient Greek, classical civilization, or Latin

Department of English

- » Minors in Creative Writing, English
- » BA in English with optional emphases in creative writing; editing, writing & publishing; or literature, justice & society
- » MA in English
- » MFA in Creative Writing
- » PhD in English with optional concentration in Gender Studies

Department of History

- » Minor in History
- » BA, MA in History
- » PhD in History with optional concentration in Gender Studies

The accelerated master's program allows students to earn the BA and MA in history in five years.



Department of Modern Languages

- » Minors in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Linguistics, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- » BA in Arabic
- » BA in Chinese
- » BA in French
- » Graduate certificate in TESOL
- » MA in Modern Languages with emphases in applied linguistics & TESOL, French, German, Spanish, or linguistics
- » PhD in Second Language Studies with emphases in applied linguistics or Spanish
- » BA in German
- » BA in Linguistics
- » BA in Spanish

Department of Philosophy and Religion

- » Minors in Ethics & Values, Philosophy, Religious Studies
- » BA in Philosophy with an optional emphasis in religious studies
- » MA in Philosophy

The accelerated master's program allows students to earn the BA and MA in philosophy in five years.

Department of Writing and Rhetoric

- » Minor in Professional Writing
- » BA in Rhetoric



The Chinese Flagship Language Program, one of 12 federally funded critical language programs in the nation, trains students to be global professionals, with financial support for intensive summer courses in Oxford and Taiwan.

STUDY ABROAD

For a 3-year period before COVID, CLA studied in 37 different countries in these locations.

45%
EUROPE

25%
ASIA

18%
LATIN AMERICA

8.1%
MIDDLE EAST

3.5%
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

1.3%
OCEANIA



NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Use empirical evidence from observation and experimentation to describe, understand, and predict natural phenomena in the world around us.

26

RHODES SCHOLARS
total for UM

One of the highest in the nation at public universities

NUMBER OF
NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL
AWARD RECIPIENTS
from the College since 2000

29
Fulbright

20
Boren

15
Goldwater

10
*NSF
Fellows*

7
Truman

3
*Gates/
Cambridge*

Department of Biology

- » Minor in Biological Science
- » BA, BS, MS, PhD in Biological Science

To enroll in BISC 160: Biological Sciences I, the required first course for the undergraduate biology degrees, students must have a minimum ACT mathematics score of 24 (SATR 580), or a minimum score in a math placement test, or A or B in certain math courses.

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

- » Minor in Chemistry
- » BA in Biochemistry
- » BA in Chemistry
- » BS in Chemistry with optional emphases in biochemistry, chemical physics, or environmental chemistry
- » BS in Forensic Chemistry

To enroll in any undergraduate degree offered from this department students must have a minimum ACT mathematics score of 24 (SATR 580), or a minimum score in a math placement test, or A or B in certain math courses.

BS in Forensic Chemistry is part of the Academic Common Market tuition program with the Southern Regional Education Board.

- » MS, DA, PhD in Chemistry

Department of Mathematics

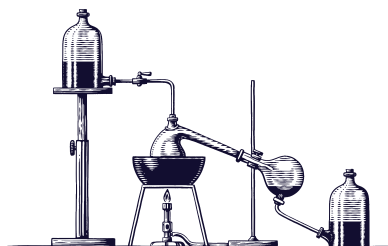
- » Minor in Mathematics
- » BA, BS in Mathematics
- » MA, MS, PhD in Mathematics

Department of Physics and Astronomy

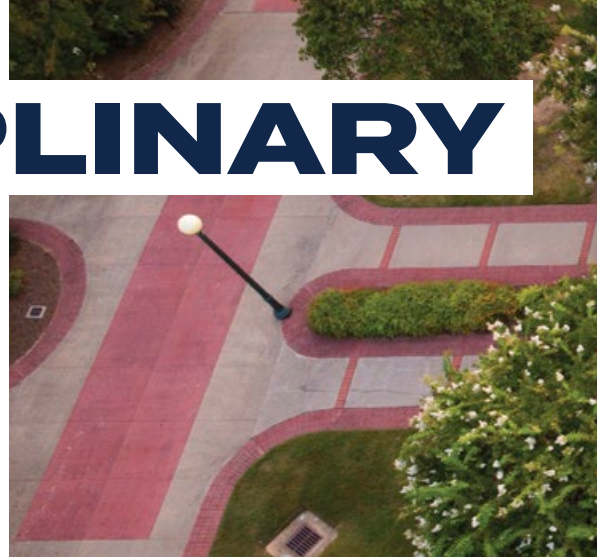
- » Minors in Astronomy, Physics
- » BA, BS in Physics
- » MA, MS, PhD in Physics

Health Professions Advising Office

- » BA in Allied Health Studies
- » BS in Medical Technology (3 + 1)



MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS



African American Studies

- » Minor in African American Studies
- » BA in African American Studies

The state's only undergraduate degree in African American Studies offers 60 courses from the perspectives of anthropology, art history, English, gender studies, history, music, political science, religion, sociology, and Southern Studies. Areas of specialization are culture, history, or political & social institutions.

Croft Institute for International Studies

- » Minors in East Asian Studies, International Studies
- » BA in International Studies

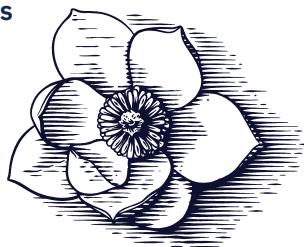
Select a regional concentration from East Asia, Europe, Latin America, or the Middle East; study a language from that region; and choose a thematic concentration from global economics and business, global health, international governance and politics, or social and cultural identity. Study abroad and feature your education and skills in a senior thesis.

Apply for admission to the Croft Institute for International Studies, with an early action deadline in early November (with a decision by early January) and a priority deadline in early January.

Office of the Dean

- » BA in Interdisciplinary Studies

Create a customized degree program to fit academic or career interests more precisely than traditional BA degree offerings.



Center for the Study of Southern Culture

- » Minor in Southern Studies
- » BA, MA in Southern Studies
- » MFA in Documentary Expression

The first university to offer an undergraduate Southern Studies major, our students seek to understand the American South in all of its complexity. Take classes in African American Studies, anthropology, art history, economics, English, gender studies, history, journalism, music, political science, and sociology.

Admission to the BA in Southern Studies is by competitive entry only.

BA in Southern Studies is part of the Academic Common Market tuition program with the Southern Regional Education Board.

Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Minors (no major)

- » Cinema Studies
- » Digital Media Studies
- » Disaster Sciences
- » East Asian Studies
- » Environmental Studies
- » Gender Studies
- » Medieval Studies
- » Museum Studies
- » Neuroscience
- » Society & Health Studies



Multidisciplinary Graduate Minors

- » Graduate Minor in Gender Studies
- » Graduate Minor in Medieval Studies

Department of Aerospace Studies

- » Minor in Aerospace Studies

The Air Force ROTC program prepares leaders in the Air Force. Acquire useful life and leadership skills as you are challenged to achieve your best in physical fitness and academics. You'll have great opportunities to pay for school through scholarships, develop lifelong friendships, and experience unique adventures.

Department of Military Science and Leadership

- » Minor in Military Science

The Army ROTC program instills professional leadership competencies that translate to success in both the military and the civilian world. Participation allows for Army schooling (airborne, air assault, etc.) and/or cultural immersion opportunities around the globe while a student. Funding opportunities including the National Army ROTC Scholarship, monthly stipends, and performance and needs-based monetary incentives.

Department of Naval Science

- » Minor in Naval Science

The Naval ROTC program prepares you for careers in the Navy and Marine Corps. Mental and physical challenges mold leaders of integrity and strong moral character, capable of leading in a wide range of fields. While earning scholarships, you can participate in summer cruises with naval ships, aviation squadrons, and submarines. Upon graduation, all midshipmen are commissioned as either Ensigns in the Navy or 2nd Lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

Language and Cultural Training

Project GO provides 8 weeks of Chinese training to ROTC cadets in Taiwan. Closer to Oxford, the Intensive Arabic program creates a simulated language village and various “real-life” scenarios with interpreters and journalists embedded with Army ROTC cadet units as they experience military maneuvers near campus.





CENTERS & INSTITUTES

Centers and institutes enrich the campus academic culture through public programming and providing student research and service opportunities.

- » Center for Archaeological Research
- » Center for Biodiversity and Conservation Research
- » Center for Civil War Research
- » Center for Economic Science and Economic Education
- » Center for Multi-messenger Astrophysics
- » Center for Population Studies
- » Center for the Study of Southern Culture
- » Clinical-Disaster Research Center
- » FASTrack & Grove Scholars
- » Haley Barbour Center for the Study of American Politics
- » Grisham-McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement
- » Mississippi Geographic Alliance
- » Prison-to-College Pipeline Program
- » Psychological Services Center
- » Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies
- » Social Science Research Laboratory
- » Southern Documentary Project
- » Southern Foodways Alliance
- » UM Institute for the Arts

The Accelerated Law Program

Interested in law? Save time and money. Enroll in the 3+3 program and complete your final undergraduate year as a first year UM School of Law student. College students pursuing a BA or BS degree can use first year law courses to fulfill general elective hours for the undergraduate degree.

Pre-Law Advising Office

No matter your major or the law school of your choice, our pre-law advisor will help you every step of the way. Each interaction is tailored to you, so no two meetings or services are the same.

How we help.

- » Assistance with selection of major/minor
- » Recommendation of courses to prepare for LSAT exam and law school
- » Communication of pre-law events and opportunities on and near campus
- » Coordination of panel discussions with law school admissions representatives
- » Guidance in researching law school options
- » Suggestion of a timeline to apply to law school, including how and when to study for the LSAT exam, when to take the LSAT exam, and when to prepare all documents for admission
- » Advising for the accelerated (3+3) law program with UM Law School
- » Feedback on personal statement
- » Help with the application process on the Law School Admissions Counsel (LSAC) website
- » Answering questions related to a law career



OUR STUDENTS WHO MET WITH HPAO
5 TIMES OR MORE ACHIEVED A

92.3%
DENTAL SCHOOL
acceptance rate

83%
MEDICAL SCHOOL
acceptance rate

Health Professions Advising Office

- » Health professions sections of the university's freshman orientation course
- » Year-round personal advising for your health profession
- » Locating shadowing opportunities
- » Placement in intensive summer prep programs across the country
- » Free tutoring
- » Assistance with writing personal statement
- » Dedicated class for medical school application preparation
- » Assistance with your application process
- » Programs and activities, such as guest speakers from professional schools, connecting you with working alumni, trips to health professional campuses, service projects, health-related clinics, etc.
- » Mock interview practice
- » Free entrance exam prep materials
- » MCAT coaching sessions



**We will meet you
where you are;
we will guide you
where you
want to go.**

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explore our
**COLLEGE
PROGRAMS**



The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education rated the UM as an R1 doctoral university with the highest research activity status, putting us into the top 2.5% of doctoral universities in the nation. The College is a vibrant community where students are challenged and engaged.

We are located 70 miles from Memphis in Oxford, Mississippi, a special place that is consistently listed as one of the best small towns in America and as one of the top college towns in the nation. Come see why!



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