College of Liberal Arts
The College of Liberal Arts consists of 21 departments, 13 multidisciplinary programs, and 17 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 41 major and 50 minor fields of study.

College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate Student Distribution

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College of Liberal Arts Student Profile

- 5,688 Undergraduate Students
- 515 Undergraduate Students
- 542 Graduate Students
- 25% Transfer Students
- 10% Veterans/Military Related
- 27% Ethnic Diversity

Number of national & international AWARD RECIPIENTS from the College since 2000

- 17 Foreign
- 6 Honors
- 2 Goldwater

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Top Sending US States

- 57% MS
- 13% CA
- 7% GA
- 4% TX
- 4% LA

Top Countries for International Students

- 17 Gates Cambridge, 1 Mitchell, 1 Marshall, 1 Soros, 5 Portz
- China, India, Nepal, S. Korea, Sri Lanka, Vietnam

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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

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Where are our alumni working

- Healthcare (13.6%)
- Business & Finance (17.3%)
- Government, Military, & Law (10%)
- STEM (9.6%)
- Arts, Culture, & Media (8.8%)
- K-12 Education (8.8%)
- Community Services & Non-Profit (6.6%)
- Hospitality & Personal Care (3.9%)
- Trade, Agriculture, & Transport (2.1%)

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY

- 81% Students are in the College of Liberal Arts
- 60% Employed or Pursuing Further Education
- 8% Serving Full-Time in the Military
- 10% Pursuing Graduate/Professional Education
- 1% Serving Full-Time as a Volunteer
- 24% of Employed Students Working in Higher Education

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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.

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$4.36 MILLION

In scholarships given to 1,675 recipients

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DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART HISTORY
- Minors in Art, Art History
- B.A. in Art, Art History
- B.F.A. in Art with emphases in ceramics, graphic design, imaging arts, painting, printmaking, and sculpture
Admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts program is by competitive portfolio review after completion of 18 credit hours of studio art courses.
- M.F.A. in Art with emphases in ceramics, painting, printmaking, and sculpture

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
- Minor in Music
- B.A. in Music
- B.M. in Music with emphases in music performance or music education
  An entrance audition demonstrating technical skills, musicianship, and musical literacy in preparation to study music at the collegiate level is required for both degrees, and admission decisions are made on a rolling basis.
- M.M. in Music with emphases in choral conducting, ethnomusicology, music education, music performance, music theory, and musicology
- Ph.D. in Music with emphasis in music education

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND FILM
- Minor in Theatre Arts
- B.A. in Theatre Arts
- B.F.A. in Theatre Arts with emphases in acting for stage and screen, design and theatre production, and film production
  Admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is by competitive entry prior to the freshman year.

Each year we support 10 live productions and a film festival.

Joining a music ensemble enhances musical skills, provides travel opportunities, and deepens friendships.

Art history courses use the David M. Robinson Collection of Greek and Roman Antiquities, one of the finest collections in the United States.

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

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

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**
- Minor in Economics
- B.A., B.S., M.A., Ph.D. in Economics

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**
- Minor in Political Science
- B.A., M.A., Ph.D. in Political Science
  The Take 5 program allows students to earn the B.A. and M.A. in political science in five years.

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**
- Minor in Psychology
- B.A. in Psychology
- M.A., Ph.D. in Psychology with emphases in clinical or experimental psychology

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP**
- Minor in Public Policy Leadership
- B.A. in Public Policy Leadership
  Admission deadline to the Lott Leadership Institute is early January.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**
- Minors in Anthropology, Sociology
- B.A., M.A. in Anthropology
- B.A., M.A. in Sociology
  Anthropology integrates traditional classroom courses with experiential methods courses. Students in a public anthropology course search for evidence of slaves living through an excavation at Rowan Oak, a local National Historic Landmark and home of the Nobel Prize-winning writer William Faulkner.

**Public Policy Leadership** prepares students for leadership positions in an increasingly complex world. Through the Trent Lott Leadership Institute, talented young people interact with leaders in all walks of life.

**UM has formal internship programs in Jackson, Atlanta, NYC, and Washington, D.C.**

Psychology majors can join a faculty research lab, such as Dr. Stephanie Miller’s lab in childhood development.

**Average Class Size**

- 24 students
  - 75% of classes have 35 students or fewer
  - 94% of classes have 25 students or fewer
Use empirical evidence from observation and experimentation to describe, understand, and predict natural phenomena in the world around us.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY
- Minor in Biological Science
- B.A., B.S., M.S., Ph.D. 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 25 (SAT 580 or SATR 590), or B minimum in Chem 101, or B minimum in Math 121 and 122, or B minimum in Math 125 or higher.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY
- Minor in Chemistry
- B.A. in Biochemistry
- B.A., B.S., M.S., D.A., Ph.D. in Chemistry
- B.A., B.S., M.S., D.A., Ph.D. in Biochemistry
- B.A., B.S., M.S., D.A., Ph.D. in Chemistry
- B.S. in Forensic Chemistry
To enroll in any degree offered from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry students must have successfully completed Chem 105 or be eligible to register for Chem 105, which requires a minimum ACT mathematics score of 25 (SAT 580 or SATR 590), or B minimum in Chem 101, or B minimum in Math 121 and 123, or B minimum in Math 125 or higher.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
- Minor in Mathematics
- B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D. in Mathematics

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
- Minors in Astronomy, Physics
- B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D. in Physics

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADVISING OFFICE
- B.A. in Allied Health Studies
- B.S. in Medical Technology (3 + 1)

One of many College faculty to receive a National Science Foundation CAREER award, Dr. Davita Watkins, assistant professor of chemistry, explores materials ranging from solar-harvesting polymers to nano-sized therapeutic drug delivery systems.

Popular astronomy courses utilize the “dark site” 10 miles outside of Oxford for an occasional laboratory experience.
DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

- Minor in African American Studies
- B.A. 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.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

- B.A. in Liberal Studies

Create a customized degree program to fit academic or career interests more precisely than traditional B.A. degree offerings. Select three minors with at least two in the College of Liberal Arts.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOUTHERN CULTURE

- Minor in Southern Studies
- B.A., M.A. in Southern Studies
- M.F.A. 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.

CROFT INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- Minors in East Asian Studies and International Studies
- B.A. 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 (with a decision by early January) and a priority deadline in early January.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNDERGRADUATE MINORS (NO MAJOR)

- Cinema
- Digital Media Studies
- Disaster Sciences
- Environmental Studies
- Gender Studies
- Medieval Studies
- Neuroscience
- Society & Health

MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE MINORS

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

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

- Minor in Military Science

Ranked among the top programs in the nation, 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 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 NAVAL SCIENCE

- Minor in Naval Science

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MULTIDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE MINORS

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- Graduate Minor in Medieval Studies

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The first encyclopedia since 1907 of Mississippi people, places, and events was produced by Southern Studies faculty and staff.
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 Population Studies
- Center for Researching Multi-messenger Astrophysics
- Center for the Study of Southern Culture
- Clinical Disaster Research Center
- Haley Barbour Center for the Study of American Politics
- Health Professions Advising Office
- McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement
- Mississippi Geographic Alliance
- Psychological Services Center
- Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies
- Social Science Research Laboratory
- Southern Documentary Project
- Southern Foodways Alliance

To meet its goal of promoting a more thorough understanding of the American Civil War, the Center for Civil War Research hosts annual conferences based on important themes.

Dr. Tony Boudreaux, associate professor of anthropology and director of the Center for Archaeological Research, works with students on artifacts from the Butler Mound site in Lowndes County.

Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies promotes the values embodied in the University Creed. The Isom Center integrates scholarly research on gender issues with advocacy on campus and the larger community through a range of activities.

As the lead agency for the State Data Center of Mississippi, the Center for Population Studies educates, conducts research, and engages in public outreach concerning population issues. One project—the Mississippi Health and Hunger Atlas—is the first publication of its kind in Mississippi and in the South.

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 B.A. or B.S. degree can use first year law courses to fulfill general elective hours for the undergraduate degree.

Health Professions Advising Office

Our staff guides every step as you prepare for the competitive admissions process to healthcare professional schools. Some health professions require a baccalaureate degree before admission to the professional school, such as physicians, dentists, physical or occupational therapists, and optometrists. Other health professions require certain prerequisite courses before admission to the professional school where you finish the degree: dental hygiene, health informatics and information management, medical laboratory science, medical technology, nursing, and radiologic sciences. Only Medical Technology (3+1—three years at UM in Oxford and one year at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo) is awarded by the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

Acceptance rates for 2019

- Dental School — 67.5% (national 41%)
- Physical Therapy — 60% (national 48%)
- Medical School — 47% (national 42%)

Beyond advising, Health Profession Advising Office activities include 40+ events a year with health care professionals and admissions officers of healthcare schools.
The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education rated the University of Mississippi as an R1 doctoral university with the highest research activity status, putting us into the top 2.5% of doctoral universities in the nation. High caliber faculty and students make the College a vibrant community where students are challenged and engaged.

We are located 70 miles from Memphis in Oxford, Mississippi, home of William Faulkner’s Rowan Oak, the best bookstore in the South, an active music scene, and great restaurants. Oxford is consistently listed as one of the best small towns in America. USA Today names Oxford as one of the “Top Six College Towns in the Nation.” Come see why.

To discover what you can really do when you put your talents, passion, and hard work together, join us in the College of Liberal Arts. If we can assist you in any way, please contact us.

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